

Looking Back

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90 Years Ago

**The St. Ignace Enterprise
Thursday, May 3, 1917**

Wilson Newton of Gould City passed away at his home on Wednesday, April 25, after an illness extending over the past two years. The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Newton, pioneer residents of the county, and was born on St. Helene Island December 26, 1859. He was employed with his father in the general merchandise business. The store was destroyed by fire with a heavy loss to the Newtons and never was rebuilt.

He later moved to Newton township, named in his honor, where he has resided for the past 25 years, being engaged in farming, general merchandise business, lumbering, and, at the time of his death, was postmaster of Gould City.

The fire department responded to an alarm Wednesday morning, smoke being discovered coming out in volumes from the Beveridge blacksmith shop, which has been closed for several months. The damage is nominal.

Mackinaw City has but one saloon since Tuesday, instead of four, as formerly. Three dealers decided to quit now rather than risk being closed up during the year. The proprietor of the one place has raised the price of beer to 10 cents and whiskey to 15 cents per.

Prosecuting Attorney Brown and Sheriff Benjamin have been requested by U.S. Attorney General Gregory to assist in the enforcement of the regulations as set forth in President Wilson's proclamation of April 6, 1917, as to alien enemies. Both of these officials are on the job and will do their duty.

Les Cheneaux column - The Hossack mill is again in operation, having started for the season last week.

The Elliot House will be man-

aged this season by Harry Blumenstiel, John Beach remaining on his place near Flowers Creek. Mr. Blumenstiel sold out his printing business in Cincinnati a year or so ago and will try his hand at hotel management. He has been one of the owners of the Elliot for some years, the firm style being Beach & Blumenstiel. All wish the new manager luck.

50 Years Ago

**The Republican-News & St. Ignace Enterprise
Thursday, May 2, 1957**

Members of the Upper Peninsula Weekly Publisher's association will hold their summer convention in St. Ignace June 15.

St. Ignace high school Saints baseball champions of the Little Eight conference on Tuesday unleashed their bid for a title repeat by defeating the Rudyard Bulldogs by a score of 8-2 behind the four-hit pitching of Tom Johnson, who himself singled twice in two official trips to the plate.

St. Ignace Mayor A.G. Phillips has invited Capt. Villiers of the *Mayflower II* to "sail down the St. Lawrence Seaway to the Straits of Mackinac and visit the world's greatest bridge." Phillips dispatched a cablegram last week to Capt. Villiers, who with his ship, is sailing the Atlantic en route from England to the United States. The boat is a replica of the original *Mayflower*.

Straits Construction Company plans to soon start installation of a new water line along Graham Avenue.

McGregor Oil Company's depot station is taking on a new look. Workmen are completing a resurfacing job on the exterior, which gives a porcelain cream color finish to the station.

Leslie Therrian, local contractor, is busy this week putting brick facing on the broad side of the Stop and Shop.

The tanker *Polaris* and the freighter *O.S. McFarland* swiped



Members of the St. Ignace fire department stand in front of City Hall, which was on the lake side of State Street near the *Favorite* dock in the late 1800s or early 1900s. Today's city hall was built in 1940. The steam engine behind the men, with its stack smoking, is pulled by a two-horse hitch and decorated with American flags. The bell on top of the former City Hall is now displayed in front of today's City Hall. The sign on the second floor of the building under the window to the far right says "A.J. Gennell, Public Notary, Real Estate Dealer." Mr. Gennell, who served as city clerk from 1888 to 1890, may be the man in the window holding the sign. The flag at the far right, below the sign, says "St. Ignace, Mich., Fire Department." Note the fireman at left with the flagpole holster.

sides about a mile west of the Straits bridge Saturday, but neither was badly damaged.

35 Years Ago

**The Republican-News & St. Ignace Enterprise
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The Arnold Line ferry *Mackinac Islander*, which opened the season with its first run last Thursday morning, was stuck in the ice just south of the railroad dock on its return to the Island at 4 p.m. Monday. Capt. Paul Allers said that the force of windblown drifting ice caught them, forcing

the ship into windrow ice, piled in some places to three and four feet high.

The open house honoring the Ursuline Sisters on the occasion of their 75th year in St. Ignace and sadly marking the closing of the St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic elementary school here at the end of the school year in June will be held at the Convent building this Sunday, May 7, from 2 to 5 o'clock.

15 Years Ago

**The St. Ignace News
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While candidates for the U.S.

presidency have left many voters yawning, this year's race for chairman of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has brought three men forward in what looks to be a hot contest. Running are Bernard Bouschor, Michael Lumsden, and John "Jack" Kibble.

Peter J. Della-Moretta, who helped build the Mackinac Straits Hospital and Health Center, will be honored by friends, relatives, and associates May 2 as he celebrates his 100th birthday May 4.

After 24 years, two locations, and more than 174,000 hours in

The Stop party store, Charlotte and Howard Everson have retired and sold the business to George Water.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The St. Ignace News is seeking original prints or reprints of old photographs depicting areas in the Eastern Upper Peninsula to be scanned into the archives and for the Looking Back column. Photographs to be loaned or donated to the Michilimackinac Historical Society can also be dropped off at The St. Ignace News.



Customer Appreciation DAYS



May 2-3-4

In-Store Specials ~ In-House GIVE-AWAYS

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