

Looking Back

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115 Years Ago

The St. Ignace News
Saturday, July 30, 1892

The Democrats of Mackinac County will assemble in convention at the City Hall in the city of St. Ignace on the 11th day of August 1892 for the purpose of electing the delegates to the State Convention that is to be held in the city of Grand Rapids August 17th, 1892.

Miss Dora Williams of Les Cheneaux hotel gave a "neck-tie" party at the hotel last Tuesday. It was largely attended, guests having come from Cheboygan, Mackinaw City, St. Ignace, Mackinac Island and other points, to the number of 136. General Babcock of Buffalo and Miss Ida McElroy of St. Ignace led the grand march. It was a very enjoyable affair.

The R.R. portion of the Goudreau alley was put down this week.

M. St. Ledger of Brevoort Lake was in town this morning. He reports business booming at the Brevoort Lake House.

The str. *Algomah* will give excursions to Mackinac Island and Mackinaw City every Sunday during the summer, at the low rate of 25 cents for the round trip.

John Mulcrone, president of the electric light and water board, has been officially notified that he is appointed the representative in this county of the National Democratic Committee.

Gould City School Report - Report of Gould City school for the summer term, commencing April 25, and ending July 15: Number of pupils enrolled: 51; number of days taught: 58; average daily attendance: 36; percent of attendance: 81. The following named pupils have been present every day during the term: Jesse Freeman, Henry Freeman, Orville Biggins, Violet Schutkofske, Amy Schutkofske, Ida Schutkofske, Burney Stites, Joseph Shewfelt, Warren Shewfelt, Adela Campbell. - M.E. Whillans, Teacher.

90 Years Ago

The St. Ignace Enterprise
Thursday, August 2, 1917

An opportunity to see the Thirty-Third Inf. ball team, stationed at the Soo, in action, has been afforded by Manager Dill of the Tigers, who has booked the soldiers for a game on the home grounds for Thursday, August 9. This will be the game of the season and should attract the fans in all



Swimmers at the rear entrance to the Bon Air on Cedarville Bay. (Photograph courtesy of Les Cheneaux Historical Association)

the nearby towns, as it will be the last game the soldiers will play before leaving for the south.

Sunday was the warmest day of the summer, the official government thermometer at Pilson's in St. Ignace registering 93 degrees between 2 and 3 o'clock.

The wrecking of the Olds saw mill at the mouth of the river has already commenced and will soon pass into history. For almost 37 years, it was the first thing to greet people on boats entering the harbor. It was built by Nelson & Bullen, and then passed into the hands of the Cheboygan Lumber Co. and later was owned by Nelson and Clark who sold it to M.D. Olds. During its existence, it has manufactured nearly half a billion feet of lumber. - *Cheboygan Tribune*

There is likely to be no world series as a result of the drain on major league ball players by the draft. President Johnson of the American league states that probably twenty men would be taken from the Americans alone and that the league would not play the series if it was handicapped by that serious loss.

While the Snobs is not yet crowded, people are coming in more rapidly now.

The Cedarville ball team goes to the Soo next Sunday to play the Murray team. The last time these teams met the score was 7 to 5 in favor of Cedarville.

The Snobs Hotel opened recently and Mr. Harry F. Ball of St. Louis, an experienced hotel man, is in charge.

The Arnold Transit Co. has just issued its annual time cards. The cards are attractive and, unlike most time tables, are easily understood. M. Doud, general manager and ticket agent, is the architect.

50 Years Ago
The Republican-News & St. Ignace Enterprise

Thursday, August 1, 1957

The 130-ton center unit of the Mackinac Bridge was hoisted into place to link the two main towers of the bridge. The unit was the heaviest lift made during the entire erection of the superstructure and the last steel section needed to fill the gap over the deepest portion of the Straits. The first vehicles drove on the suspension span of the bridge last Thursday. Two 35-ton

truck cranes were lifted onto the 3,800-foot span, where they will be used to lay steel grid on top of the span.

The LaSalle high school football squad will open its training season on August 12, it was announced today by "Bud" Vecellio, coach. The Saints are scheduled to play Sault, Canada (away), East Jordan (home), Escanaba (away), Cheboygan (home), Rogers City (away), Oscoda (away), and Petoskey (home).

Manager Red Smith's Saints bounced back into the lead of the Eastern U.P. Baseball League last Sunday at the expense of Dafter.

According to Marvin Winkelman, new president, the year

1957 will mark a real forward step in the development of an effective Chamber of Commerce in Mackinac County.

The new Portage township elementary school at Curtis is expected to be completed by the opening of the school year in September, according to Clifford Lewis, secretary of the board of education.

35 Years Ago
The Republican-News & St. Ignace Enterprise

Thursday, August 3, 1972

Head Coach Jerry Gallagher issues the first call for football practice as the Saints began to prepare for the 1972 season. The first session is scheduled for Monday, August 7, at 7 p.m. Heading the list of returnees are All-State quarterback Ed Lester, All-Conference halfback Mike Winston, and Butch Calcaterra, Pete Koivuniemi, and Bill Grogan, who all started during the 1971 season in the backfield. Tim and Tom Huskey, both All-Conference selections, head the list of defensive stalwarts returning.

Archaeologists working under the direction of Dr. James Fitting at the Marquette Park site and in several survey pits around the area report discovery of structural evidence and artifacts to substantiate the early writings which indicate the presence of a Huron village to the north of the site of Fr. Marquette's mission. Unearthed, so far, is what appears to be a Huron log house. Fish bones and beads found at the site correlate to the correct time period between 1670 and 1680.

While working in his garden on

the old Mulcrone farm at Brevort Lake, Joe Luepnitz unearthed a hatchet-like weapon last week, probably used in the early centuries by the Indians of this area.

The 31-foot sloop skippered by Gordon Labuhn of Marquette, completed a 260-water mile cruise from Marquette to Les Cheneaux Islands last week. His wife and two sons accompanied him.

15 Years Ago
The St. Ignace News
Thursday, July 30, 1992

Three attorneys, Al D'Alimonte, Dan Dowdell, and E. Michael McNamara, are candidates for the Mackinac County Prosecutor's job, now held by Prentiss Brown III.

The *Sea Wolf*, a 1948 Chris Craft 30-foot express cruiser from Algonac, will be the featured boat during this year's Les Cheneaux Antique Wooden Boat Show at Hessel's public marina.

Brevort's Trinity Lutheran Church marked a double anniversary last Sunday: the building's dedication July 30, 1922, and the confirmation of Mabel Buckholz, the first person confirmed in Trinity Lutheran's new building, July 29, 1922.

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