

# Looking Back

Compiled by Ryan Schlehuber

## 115 Years Ago

*The St. Ignace News*  
Saturday, August 6, 1892

Judge C.R. Brown of Marquette is in the city today.

Entertainment at Martel Hall tonight. Admission, 25¢, children, 15¢. See bills.

Will Bouchard has accepted a position at the Sherwood house. He is a first-class hotel man.

A number of boys, many of them old enough to know better, conducted themselves in a disgraceful manner during the entertainment at Orth's opera house last evening.

All who attempt the same tonight will be fired out of the building. Such conduct should not be tolerated by the management of the hall if they expect the public to patronize them.

On Wednesday morning last, fire broke out on the steamer *Remora* at 4 o'clock and she burned to the water's edge. The crew was discharged a week ago and she has been anchored in the bay since.

The only persons on board were Capt. Vosburgh and the watchman, who barely escaped with their lives, both being badly burned about the face and hands. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is \$12,000; insurance, \$5,000.

A peculiar accident, which will result in two fatalities, happened on Saturday last one mile west of McMillan. Two coaches of the passenger train which left here in the morning left the track and rolled over.

Mrs. Lyons and her son, who were picking berries along the track, were crushed below the cars, and will die. A number of passengers were injured, but none seriously. The coaches were wrecked.

J. Steinberg, a popular merchant and owner of the big new opera house in Traverse City, was in town the first of the week visiting his son, J.H. Steinberg.

Two St. Ignace boys walked up the railway track six miles to pick huckleberries on Tuesday, leaving at 6 a.m. After they had picked 10 quarts between them, they were startled by seeing a groundhog, which they mistook for a bear, and ran for their lives. They were so rattled that they lost their way and did not find the railway track again until nearly dark, when they struck out for home, arriving after 9 p.m., causing great relief to their anxious parents.

## 90 Years Ago

*The St. Ignace Enterprise*  
Thursday, August 9, 1917

The war board for Mackinac county late yesterday afternoon completed the examination of those called in the first quota of 132 registered men.

While he will not be credited to Mackinac county's quota, to Fred Boucha will undoubtedly go the honor of being the first St. Ignace boy accepted in the draft for Uncle Sam's new army. Fred expressed no

## Power Boats Sought To Support Labor Day Swim September 3

Fifty swimmers will attempt to swim across the Straits of Mackinac from St. Ignace to Mackinaw City on Labor Day, Monday, September 3, during the Mackinac Bridge walk, in celebration of the bridge's 50th anniversary year. The event is coordinated by record-setting marathon swimmer Jim Dreyer.

Six power boats are needed to escort the swimmers across the Straits, and three power boats or



**The Chippewa rowboat, a historic local boat owned by the Paul Brobst family of Hessel and Ohio, is shown here with family members and guests inside. According to a family account, Mr. Brobst's grandmother, "Gross" Meyer, as she was known, is seated at the back of the boat, surrounded by pillows, and steered the little vessel while Porter Johnson rowed around the Hessel Bay area. The other people in the boat are not identified. The Great Lakes Boat Building School in Cedarville will host a workshop on constructing a model of this boat, based on plans drawn by the late Oliver Birge. The workshop is free, and will be August 20 through August 31. (Photograph courtesy of Les Cheneaux Historical Association)**

regret at being called on to fight for his country, in fact, was quite pleased that he would be given a chance to do his bit in defeating the war-mad kaiser and making the world a safe place to live in.

The Allies have come to a full agreement as to the remodeling of the map of Europe after the war. The Allies propose to restore Belgium, give the Alsace-Lorraine back to France, internationalize Constantinople, and lessen the governmental grip to Turkey. The Grecian boundary will be moved northward, while Greece will get some of the islands near her in the Mediterranean.

The Wing garage has sold twenty cars so far this season - thirteen Fords and seven Overlands. The six cars received last week were sold to Ed. Rutherford, Willis Taylor, Eugene Brown, Emil Johnson, Ed. Reavie, and Raymond Halberg.

## 50 Years Ago

*The Republican-News*  
& *St. Ignace Enterprise*  
Thursday, August 8, 1957

Manager Kenneth "Red" Smith has guided the Saints to another baseball title in the Eastern Upper Peninsula Baseball league. Last Sunday, his charges cinched the flag by defeating second-place Drummond Island-DeTour by a score of 2-0.

Father Marquette Day in St. Ignace will feature the sixth annual pageant and field Mass, representing the landing and first Mass of Father Marquette on the shore. The pageant will begin at 10:30 a.m., with the landing of Father

sailboats are needed to tether dinghies that serve as stationary floating aid stations. Every boat captain must have one additional volunteer aboard to serve as a "lookout" and to serve nutrition. The time commitment for volunteers will be approximately from 5 a.m. until noon.

Anyone interested in volunteering their services for the event may contact Mr. Dreyer at (616) 878-1650.

## Sense of Life To Host Meetings

A Sense of Life suicide prevention committee will host two meetings this month. The meeting of the Mackinac County Human Services Collaborative Body will be Friday, August 10, at 10 a.m. at the Mackinac County Airport Conference Room in St. Ignace. It will spotlight the Natural Helpers, a peer support program. There will be an update on A Sense of Life immediately following the presentation.

The second meeting will be Thursday, August 16, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the St. Ignace Public Library, and will include information on crisis services, hospital response, traditional healing, the role of clergy, and the role of parents and community members. Meetings are open to the pub-

lic. A Sense of Life welcomes the participation of community members who wish to work toward suicide prevention efforts.

## Traffic Across Bridge Is Down 3.6% for June

Traffic crossing the Mackinac Bridge dipped 3.6% for the month of June, with 413,485 vehicles crossing, while 429,061 crossed during June 2006, reported Robert Sweeney, executive secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority.

Traffic for 2007 is 4.6% behind last year's pace, with 1,605,473 vehicles this year, versus 1,682,716 in 2006.

Marquette on the shore of Moran Bay, where he is thought to have landed in 1671.

Fred Knorr, owner of the Detroit Tigers baseball club, and his general manager, John Fetzer, spent a few days in the Straits area during the past week to "get away from the city" for awhile.

East of Cedarville and four miles west of DeTour, the Michigan State Highway department has erected a roadside park.

Services Sunday will mark the close of the week-long celebration for the 50th anniversary of the founding of Zion Lutheran Church in St. Ignace. The first services of

the church were held by the Rev. Wyman in 1904. Also in 1904, Dr. P.O. Bersell conducted services.

**35 Years Ago**  
*The Republican-News*  
& *St. Ignace Enterprise*  
Thursday, August 10, 1972

The 15th annual Mackinac Bridge walk is scheduled to start at 7:30 a.m. on Labor Day morning from the fare plaza and end 4.5 miles across the Straits in Mackinaw City. Also, during the afternoons of the Labor Day weekend, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, St. Ignace will be the scene of "The Black Gown Tree" dramatic musical presentation based on the life and explorations of Pere Marquette.

The November general election will see Bernard Paquin (D), opposing Arthur Kaminsky (R) for the office of County Clerk.

City police on Thursday, August 3, arrested and returned to a Canadian prison an escapee who had fled Canada and eluded the Border Patrol on the 27th of July. He was apprehended behind the Mobil station near the Nicolet Lounge after he was seen rifling various parked cars.

Captain Richard Thibault docked his *Inland Seas* research ship, from University of Michigan, in St. Ignace early this week and expects to be in the Straits area with a class aboard for at least another week. His wife, Ellen, and son, Peter, of Grand Haven, are visiting his parents, the Alfred Thibaults, while the ship is in the vicinity.

Mary and Beth Shoberg, daughters of the Conrad Shobergs of Islington Road, Cedarville, recently returned from a week in Manhattan

as the guest of their brother, Dick. They were interviewed and photographed at New York's NBC studio, where Dick is cast in the daytime TV serial "Somerset."

**Advertisement** - St. Ignace Theatre features Clint Eastwood as Detective Harry Callahan in the new movie "Dirty Harry." You don't assign him to murder cases. You just turn him loose.

**Brevort column** - As in most small tourist towns, everyone in Brevort has had their noses to the grindstone. All too soon, there will be a nip in the air and we'll be able to shoot a cannon down US-2, and not hit a thing.

## 15 Years Ago

*The St. Ignace News*  
Thursday, August 6, 1992

For the first time since its completion in 1943, the Cut River Bridge, west of Brevort, is closed for extensive renovations.

A new ordinance that provides a split between the city and property owners for St. Ignace sidewalk repairs finally has been adopted.

Sharon McLean, a 1990 graduate of LaSalle High School in St. Ignace, was chosen as one of the top 15 "Models of the Year" at the International Models Expo in Rochester.

**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.

make going back to school  
more entertaining  
get a cool new music phone  
from Cellular One

**Sony Ericsson W200 Walkman**  
**FREE**  
after \$50 mail-in rebate  
2-year agreement required

camera • MP3 player • FM radio • video  
stereo headset • 128MB memory card

**\$35**  
per line per month

get up to 50% off  
select accessories  
while supplies last

share 2 lines and 900 nationwide  
anytime minutes (additional lines only \$9.99)

free nights and weekends  
free long distance  
free mobile to mobile

1.800.CELLONE  
celloneusa.com  
**CELLULARONE**  
from Dobson Cellular Systems

the new  
**CELLULARONE**  
seriously better

Lifeline and link-up services are available in certain areas to customers meeting low income criteria. Please visit your nearest Cellular One store or authorized dealer for more information.

ALPENA  
Cellular One  
3319 Washington Ave.  
(989) 354-7441

ESCANABA  
Cellular One  
1034 North Lincoln Road  
(906) 786-2544

Cash Fast  
(989) 732-4002

MANISTIQUE  
Midwest Sound and Security  
(916) 341-4481

MUNISING  
Communications Partners  
(906) 647-1775

PICKFORD  
Wilderness Treasures  
(906) 647-4002

Cellular Connection  
(906) 253-2500

CHEBOYGAN  
Cellular One  
1006 S. Main Plaza 27  
(231) 627-3059

Communications Partners  
(906) 786-7150

GLADSTONE  
A+ Computers  
(906) 428-4849

MACKINAC ISLAND  
Communication Partners  
(906) 430-7823  
(906) 430-7841

NEWBERRY  
Midwest Sound & Security  
(906) 293-3654

ROGERS CITY  
Power Source Communications  
(989) 734-7774

Communication Partners  
(906) 632-0528

Cash Fast  
(231) 333-3033

GAYLORD  
Cellular One  
1275 W. Main St.  
(989) 705-7468

GRAYLING  
Cash Fast  
(989) 348-9100

MIO  
Video Express  
(989) 826-5003

ONAWAY  
Power Source Communications  
(989) 733-5000

SAULT STE. MARIE  
Cellular One  
2972 W. 8th St.  
(906) 635-1309

Cellular Connection  
(906) 643-8058



Offer good until September 13, 2007, on the Sony Ericsson W200. \$50 mail-in rebate and two-year agreement required for discounted and free pricing. Allow 8-10 weeks for rebate. Must be a customer for 30 consecutive days. Rebate must be postmarked by October 14, 2007. Maximum of five rebates per account. See rebate form for complete details. Free phone requires a new, two-year agreement on a partner or other plan. Promotion may not be available on all plans and does not include applicable taxes. Promotions may vary by location and may not be available at all authorized dealer locations. 900 minutes for \$35 reflects a \$60 host line, plus a \$9.99 partner plan. Minimum of two lines required. \$9.99 partner plans available on select national plans and share the minutes of the primary host plan. Unlimited nights and weekend airtime is from 9:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. Monday-Friday and from 9:00 p.m. Friday until 6:00 a.m. on Monday. Unlimited Mobile-to-Mobile calling includes calls made from one Cellular One from DCS phone to another Cellular One from DCS phone while in the home calling area. Unlimited long distance includes calls made from the home calling area to anywhere in the United States. Service is contingent upon credit approval and annual agreement at which time a deposit may be required. An early cancellation fee of \$20 per remaining month of agreement applies if service is cancelled after the first 14 days of service. Activation fees may be up to \$45 to activate service. Other fees may range from \$2.50-\$3.75 per month. These fees may include but are not limited to compliance fee, network service fee, or roaming administration fee. Cellular One approved phone is required for all rate plans. Airtime is billed in one-minute increments and from SEND TO END. Long distance, roaming, taxes, surcharges and other terms and conditions may apply. Not all features, service options or offers are available on all devices, on all rate plans or available for purchase or use in all areas. All promotional offers may be extended or terminated at any time without notice. Accessory offer available at participating locations while supplies last. See sales representative for more details. ©2007 Cellular One M24 825 Y3

