

Looking Back

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This rare and early postcard of the grounds of the Islington Hotel in the Les Cheneaux Islands, near Melchers' Point, is more than 11 inches in length. The Islington Hotel, built in 1895, was razed in 1959. It was one of several large resort hotels in the Les Cheneaux Islands that catered to resorters traveling by steamer. They were replaced by the housekeeping cabin resorts that accommodated automobile travelers. (Postcard courtesy of David Brobst)

90 Years Ago The St. Ignace News Thursday, August 1, 1918

There was a tentative agreement between the present county officials to let the election go by default that there would be no opposition to those now holding offices, but someone spilled the beans and the outlook now is for a contest rivaling in political intensity any county election of recent years. Running for sheriff are - Michael McGrath

(Democrat), R.H. Benjamin (Rep.), and A.R. Highstone (Rep).

The *Enterprise* last week called attention to one of the benefits of opening the county road by the location of a butter tub hoop factory by the Nemode Bros. in the vicinity of Nunn's creek.

Residents of the city with hard coal heating apparatus are considerably alarmed over the recent city's allotment of 123 tons for the town. The amount is but one-eighth of the

normal consumption. Mackinac Island is particularly fortunate, as it happens that a big order was placed by Mr. Arnold in 1916 and this year's allotment for the Island has been placed at 850 tons.

The Soo, in a special election held last week, granted an extension of 22 years to the franchise of the street railway company. We note by the published statement that the company contemplates an extension of its lines to Pickford as a means for both freight and passenger traffic, although this improvement may not be made until the conclusion of the war, owing to the present high cost of equipment and labor.

None of the hotels [in Les Cheneaux] have done much business so far, but all are expecting a good August business.

50 Years Ago The Republican-News & St. Ignace Enterprise Thursday, July 31, 1958

It is considered poor form to open a story with a negation, but who ever heard of a strip of uninhabited rocky shoreline becoming a tourist attraction? It just doesn't happen. Yet, at the north end and just to the left of the Mackinac Bridge is a spit of land, soaked in history, which is getting an uncommon amount of

attention from the Michigan traveler. This is the site where Fort de Buade will be reconstructed.

Barring unseen difficulties, St. Ignace's Athletic Park will be lighted for night sports events by September 1.

A joint agreement between the highway department of Michigan and the Province of Ontario to finance preliminary designs of a proposed international toll bridge across the St. Marys River between the American and Canadian Saults was announced by State Highway Commissioner John. C. Mackie.

35 Years Ago The Republican-News & St. Ignace Enterprise Thursday, August 2, 1973

Edison Sault Electric Company customers are among the lowest rate payers in the United States. Figures released by American Electric Power Service Corporation on the average revenue for each kilowatt hour of electric service in 1972 show Edison Sault customers paid 1.94 cents for each kilowatt hour of service. This figure of 1.94 cents was 15th from the lowest in the country that ranged from 1.19 cents to 3.04 cents for each hour of electric energy.

Laura Gann, 12-year-old step-

daughter of Burton Krause of Fresno, Calif., and Gerry Brown, son of Mrs. Claude Brown Sr., of St. Ignace, this past week were the recipients of the heartfelt thanks and a gift of appreciation from Mr. Harvey Walker of Saginaw, whose life they are credited with saving from near drowning on July 7.

Grant Berggren Jr., new superintendent of the St. Ignace City Schools, is due in St. Ignace to assume his duties here early next week. He was born and raised in Menominee.

15 Years Ago
The St. Ignace News
Thursday, July 29, 1993
A revised "dangerous buildings" ordinance that take effect August 9

will tighten procedures for dealing with complaints about deteriorating buildings in St. Ignace.

A new record time was set by the Holland, Michigan-based yacht *Windquest* in the 69th running of the Bayview to Mackinac race, a 298-mile sailing classic.

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 sent or dropped off at *The St. Ignace News*.

Liquor Commission Public Hearing Will Be Held on Mackinac Island

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission will hold a public hearing Wednesday, July 30, at noon at Mackinac Island Community Hall.

The hearing will be for the purpose of hearing complaints and gathering public opinion regarding the Liquor Control

Act. Law enforcement officials, licensees, and the public may attend.

The commission will conduct the hearing and discuss the Liquor Control Act and its administration. Also planned is a question and answer period.

Record Number of Boats Compete in Yacht Club's Race to Mackinac

Yachts: From page 25

Defiance and *Genuine Risk* invited members of the Kings Point, Long Island academy to be part of their crew in this year's Chicago to Mackinac race.

Although yacht racers would have liked to have seen more wind during the race, many, if not all, were happy to share the experience of the historic event with friends and family.

"The Chicago Yacht Club put on a great race," said Mr. Martin, who headed back to his office in Ann Arbor shortly after arriving at the finish line. "It was great, particularly because this organization was able to invite 400 boats and that they had so many club members and volunteers to take care of all of us.

"The beauty of this race is being able to spend it with friends and family," continued Mr. Martin, who sailed with his two sons, Mike and Seth.

Jim Mitchell, owner of *Vincitore*, which finished second in the Turbo Class and second in last week's Bayview Yacht Club Mackinac Race, also enjoyed the bonding experience with others

during the historic Chicago race.

"It was great," said Mr. Mitchell. "It was just great to be able to enjoy this race with my family and friends."

A third of Mr. Mitchell's 15-man crew were family members, including his brother, Michael, and their father, Jim Mitchell II, who participated in his 50th race this year.

This year's race was special to Mr. Mitchell Jr. His four-year-old daughter, Maddie, was baptized at Ste. Anne's Catholic Church on Mackinac Island Tuesday.



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