

Looking Back

90 YEARS AGO

The St. Ignace News

Thursday, January 2, 1919

As predicted by *The Enterprise* several weeks ago, Chas. Field has been appointed deputy oil inspector for the 23rd district, succeeding C. W. Hecox, who had held the office something over four years.

The so-called "beer and wine amendment" to the constitution initiated by petitions circulated by the Michigan State Hotelmen's Association, will be submitted to a vote at the general state election next April.

Official confirmation comes from Detroit of the report that new Ford cars will be equipped with electric starters made especially for the Ford company: It is probable that at first only the closed cars will be thus equipped, but as soon as the starter factory can supply instruments, all models will have starters.

Just as the Civil war and the Spanish-American war added words and phrases to the English language "as she is spoke" in the United States, which were unfamiliar before, so the great war is adding to the vocabulary of the American soldiers in France:

The "Yanks," as the soldiers are now generally styling themselves, have rapidly adopted the slang used by the British Tommies and the French Poilus, adding some of their own.

Here is a glossary of some of the new phrases the Yanks have made their own, together with their meaning:

Fed Up - This is one of the British soldiers' favorite expressions, and it has become as popular with the Americans. It is used to depict the speaker's disgust with the world in general or the subject under discussion in particular, such as oatmeal for 100 days straight or rain unceasing for several weeks, when the soldier says, "I'm fed up with it."

Wangle - To "wangle" something out of a person is to wheedle an article from him that he would not give voluntarily; also to argue

oneself out of some onerous duty. For example, "I wangled an extra sack of tobacco today from the canteen sergeant."

Click - When a soldier succeeds in wangling something out of his superiors, he tells his mates, "I clicked it all right."

The Coast Guard on Mackinac Island closed January 1.

Tom G. Chambers, of Mackinac Island, who spent the past ten months sailing on the *A.M. Byers*, returned home Sunday.

Dion Peach has been proprietor pro tem for the Yellow Front in illness of Mrs. D.O. Vigeant and Don Jr., who have been suffering with the flu.

The young people of the city enjoyed several days of fine skating on the bay in the vicinity of the Jones-Kerry mill last week, the snow of Sunday spoiling the sport, however.

50 YEARS AGO

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Thursday, January 1, 1959

"Aunt Jane" Goudreau, 93, died Tuesday, December 30, at 1 p.m. at her home on Spring Street [St. Ignace]. She had been ill for the past several weeks. Perhaps one of the most colorful persons of the area, she was born on June 15, 1865, at Seul Choix, Michigan.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Derusha, who had come to Michigan from France.

"Aunt Jane," as she became known to the whole community, had great interest in events and relics of the early days. She amassed a large collection of momentos and antiques, which in 1956, she donated to the local Knights of Columbus museum.

Her little cottage on Spring Street, called the "Manitou," was open to everyone. She was a busy, peppery little old lady who smoked a clay pipe, a habit she began on her 15th birthday. Both Derushas and Goudreaus are believed to be among the original white settlers of this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Ball of

Ozark celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on New Year's Day.

Kayron Tamlyn and George Malnar amassed a total of 212 points to take high scoring honors Friday evening in the St. Ignace cribbage league.

Three candidates filed nominating petitions for St. Ignace's mayor prior to the deadline on Monday, Dec. 29. Republicans seeking party nomination are Raymond France and Roy Carlson. The Democratic candidate is John Fenlon. The Carlsons-France contest is the only inter-party contest in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Crawfis of Cedarville, after closing the Les Cheneaux Bar, are going to take a trip to Florida for a vacation.

February's non-partisan election at Mackinac Island will be a lively affair. Five candidates, Robert Gillespie, C. James Alford, Sam McIntire, John Franks, and Raymond Horn, are seeking the nomination for a three-year term as city alderman and of the group only two are to be nominated.

People in this area who would like to see a beautiful sight should drive out to Castle Rock and see the star that has been placed above the peak of the rock. It can be seen plainly at night as it is illuminated by flood lights.

A beautiful large Christmas tree on Main street in Moran was erected by some of our aggressive citizens. An outdoor program was held Christmas eve, which included singing, talk by Rev. Al Johnson, Santa Claus, candy, etc. The entire community attended, which all added up to brighten the Christmas spirit.

35 YEARS AGO

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Thursday, January 3, 1974

The former *Mackinac Islander*, purchased by the Arnold Transit Company in 1937 from the State of Ohio, rebuilt and put into service in 1938 ferrying passengers between St. Ignace and Mackinac Island, was reported sunk with all

hands lost off the Aleutian Islands. Prior to joining the Alaskan crab fleet and upon leaving the Arnold Line, the vessel was converted and engaged in carrying logs for the Manthei Vaneer Mills in Charlevoix and the Soo.

The Mackinac Island State Park Commission is among eleven organizations in the state designated by the State commission to receive matching funds for carrying out Bicentennial plans.

Mrs. Lois Gustafson has taken over the duties of the Clark Twp. Library during the absence of Viola Redden, who has returned to her home in Battle Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rudolph of Mackinac Island left Friday for their annual vacation to Acapulco, Mexico.

George Gardner, newly appointed City Manager, was introduced to Council - St. Ignace City Council regular meeting, Monday, December 17.

[At the Council meeting], the problem of a passenger station for the Greyhound bus was brought up for discussion. The offer made by Nick Lupan to establish a station on his property was referred to the City Manager to check on the feasibility of such a location in conjunction with the zoning ordinance.

15 YEARS AGO

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Thursday, January 6, 1994

Nearly 100 cows were led safely from a burning barn in Portage Township by neighbors and relatives who fought thick smoke and freezing temperatures during a December 27 fire. Several relatives and friends said they heard about the fire and hurried to Kenneth and Joan Troyer's Sandtown Road dairy farm before the township's fire department could get there.

A hovercraft, owned by Dan Carmichael of Cedarville Marine, was instrumental in saving a man's life in Cedarville Bay Christmas Eve after the man had been attempting to snowmobile across the bay's thin ice when he and his sled broke through, stranding him



In this 1948 photograph, Genevieve Goudreau, known around the St. Ignace community as "Aunt Jane," holds a sap bucket and neck yoke she used as a child. She is smoking a clay pipe that she had since she was 15. Aunt Jane was an avid collector of historic artifacts and information. (Photograph courtesy of Michilimackinac Historical Society)

in frigid waters around 1 p.m.

Edison Sault Electric Co. reported an all-time peak power use of 125 megawatts at 6 p.m. December 27 as EUP residents' heating systems battled frigid temperatures.

The St. Ignace Mites hockey team blanked Mackinaw City 9-0 in the season opener Thursday, December 30. Goalie Darren Horn picked up the shutout win and Nick Roberts and Don Massey were named outstanding offensive players in the game. Roberts scored two goals and added three assists, and Massey tallied three goals.

The dissident faction within the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of

Chippewa Indians says it has more than enough signatures to force a recall vote for the entire board of directors. Leaders of the "Nana-Bozho" group said they planned to present the board with about 200 petitions at its January 4 meeting in the Sault.

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*.



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