

# Looking Back

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three Sisters from the Ursuline convent at St. Ignace. This was the first funeral service from the new church. Mr. LaVake was deserving of this honor given him. He was esteemed very highly from all members of the congregation. May his soul rest in peace.

From Mackinac Island: Private Morton Bourisaw arrived home Sunday after one year's service in Siberia. He left there September 22 and arrived in San Francisco November 1, and received his discharge at Fort Dodge, Iowa.

From Mackinac Island: Mrs. W. A. Amberg, who owned one of the most beautiful cottages on the West Bluff, and was among the oldest and best known of our summer colony, died last week at her Chicago home. Of her death the Chicago Herald said:

Mrs. William A. Amberg, said to have been the oldest native born resident of Chicago, died yesterday morning in her home at 1301 North State street. She was the widow of the inventor of the letter file system and was born at Sanghmon and Randolph streets. She was 72 years old.

From Brevort: About the same time that Father Marquette was making a landing down at Mackinac another party was cruising up the shore of Lake Michigan looking for the Holy Grail. Coming into a pleasant bay and harbor the sails were lowered and "all hands on deck" for the landing, the skipper, a Frenchman from the Le Grand Lechance Canal, waived his hand toward land and remarked: "Epoufette! At last!"

And the same dog is there yet, barking nightly.

From Allenville: Hirman Kelly shot a large bear through the heart twice last week. Although Hirman lost the bear, he still knows that he shot him through the heart twice.

From Epoufette: Some of our residents are telling of seeing mud

turtles. Sure sign of an open winter.

**50 YEARS AGO  
The Republican-News  
and St. Ignace Enterprise  
November 19, 1959**

Friday's snowstorm which brought six inches of snow on an easterly wind, cleared by Sunday which dawned bright and cold, making ideal hunting conditions for opening day of the 1959 deer season.

First kill reported was by David Movalson, who bagged a 175 pound buck in the territory north of Brevort. It was shot shortly afternoon on Sunday.

Moran farmers have issued a call for volunteers to help Joseph Luepnitz harvest his potatoes.

Joe is the producer of the well-known Farmer Joe's brand potatoes.

Heavy fall rains followed by the freeze and snow came before the veteran farmer could dig up all his potatoes. Neighboring farmers feel that if help is furnished the crop can be saved if a spell of mild weather comes.

Volunteers may contact Adam Soblaskey at Allenville.

Two school districts in Mackinac county, Les Cheneaux and Garfield township, will be affected by new legislation enacted by the state legislature, according to Norman R. Wixson, county school superintendent.

The bill requires that all fourth class school districts operating a full 12 grade program will be required to have a seven members board of education. At present, the two Mackinac county districts have five-member boards.

Despite unseasonable weather, Michigan bow and arrow deer hunters may have registered a record high this year.

On Bois Blanc island, 176

archers took 46 deer.

From Drummond Island, 66 deer fell to 483 archers.

Cedarville's loss is Hessel's gain. Hessel has gained a historic building, the former Log Cabin service station that was built by Arthur Johnson of Cedarville in 1929. Mr. Johnson ran this station for 26 years. It was one of the first complete stations in Les Cheneaux. Now the business is operated by Lee Johnson, but still owned by Arthur Johnson.

The log building was moved to Hessel the week of Nov. 9 and will be a resort cabin at the Loreli Lodges.

The Log Cabin service was inaugurated under the standard sign and will now become the Standard Service station, one of the most modern in Cedarville.

The Mackinac Island State Park commission snow plow crews were pressed into service Saturday. The plow made several trips throughout the Island, opening the roads. We had about a six-inch fall of snow. This, I imagine, is the first time the plow has been pressed into service so early.

**30 YEARS AGO  
The St. Ignace News  
November 22, 1979**

Dock 2 in downtown St. Ignace, which has been leased from the Michigan Waterways Commission by the Arnold Transit Company as a passenger loading area during peak periods of the summer tourist season, will not be bit out for commercial use for 1980.

According to Keith Wilson, Chief of the Waterways Division of the Department of Natural Resources, who spoke to the St.

Ignace City Council at its Monday, November 19, meeting, the Commission decided not to offer the single boat slip on Dock 2 for bids this year.

Engineers that inspected the dock last year, Wilson told the council, found an area that was blocked off and a portion of the parking area next to the marina in "deplorable" condition.

Wilson said the timber dock is too expensive to maintain, and that the Commission's viewpoint is not to spend money on the maintenance, but to save a portion of the structure and spend money on improving the adjacent marina for recreational boating.

The Biscayne Bay, new ice-breaker enroute to its home port in St. Ignace from Norfolk, Virginia, paused this week at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, because of the weather.

A report from the 140-foot ice-breaking tug indicated that the crew had been fighting bad weather enroute from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Charlottetown, a scheduled stop and that they were tired. The commander indicated the boat intended to lay over until the "weather" abated.

From Mackinac Island: The first edition of The Island Update, a tabloid-size, one sheet newspaper being published by the Mackinac Island Public School Journalism Class, was issued last weekend, dated the week of November 18 to 24.

Adviser Paul J. Michalke is assisting the class. The class consists of Kathy Andress, Linda Chambers, Howard Cadotte, J. K. Gallagher, JoAnna Kompsi and Anna Rogers. Articles were included from John W. Kremkow, superintendent; the Reverend

Father Guy Thoren of St. Ann's Catholic Church and a member of the Island's school board, who wrote of the basketball teams; James J. Bogan, Sr., who wrote of the Preservation Society and the visit of the super tug American Viking; Florence McIntyer, who gave St. Ann's Church news, and Marc Bobinsky, teacher who wrote news of the school's 11-member chess club.

From Mackinaw City: Because of another train derailment, the Village Council asked that the police obtain a report as to the cause and see that the railroad receives a copy of this and any subsequent reports of derailments and the poor conditions of the railroad tracks.

From Gould City Curtis: Polly Dean Mackinac County Animal Control Officer, is asking people who have unwanted dogs to refrain from abandoning them at the dumps, instead, call her so that she may help find a home for them.

**30 YEARS AGO  
The Weekly Wave  
November 22, 1979**

Clark Township is apparently removing its dump from consideration for disposal of contaminated dredge material that the Army Corps of Engineers is scheduled to remove from Les Cheneaux channels next summer. In a motion passed by the township board last Tuesday, November 13, the board directed Township Supervisor John Griffin to ask the Waterways Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to reconsider a nine-acre site northeast of the township hall as a possible upland containment site for the channel dredge material.

The township's reconsideration of the disposal site came when the Corps of Engineers discovered that the site had to be owned by the Michigan Waterways Division, instead of the township.

What effects Clark Township's new proposal will have on the Corps' dredging project are uncertain. The nine-acre site proposed by Clark Township is one that was previously considered but rejected by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Michigan department of Natural Resources because it was considered to be a wetland and contributed to the pike breeding habitat in Cedarville Bay.

Withdrawal of the dump site for dredge disposal comes within weeks of the Corps' completion of specifications for bidding on the project.

The Corps originally dredged the channels in 1970 to a depth of seven feet and widened them to 100 ft. Since then, the Corps estimates that 70,000 cubic yards of sediment has settled into the 40,000 ft. of channel bottom, which is to be removed beginning in 1980.

The Corps of Engineers, in their Environmental Impact Statement, predict the primary channels in the islands, if not maintained, will eventually fill in with sediment to the point where the islands will not be suitable for refuge by larger boats. That theory has been contested by some residents of the Les Cheneaux Islands, who maintain that the channels will not fill in if they are not dredged in the first place. Some also argue that dredging will harm area fish habitat.

Nevertheless, the Corps has determined there is local support for the dredging and maintenance project and, accordingly has gone ahead with plans for it.

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