

Looking Back

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A report comes from the northern end of the peninsula that deer face starvation there on account of the difficulty they have in securing their natural food. This section of the peninsula has experienced no such conditions, but it is reported that dogs are creating a havoc among the deer herd. Frank Ahlich of the conservation department reports that the territory around Kenneth is overrun with hounds and that five carcasses of deer killed by dogs were found within a short distance. He says at one place near Kenneth at the scene of lumber operations there are twenty shacks in which a hound is housed in each and that these hounds exist on nothing but the deer they can kill.

Senator James M. Wilcox, of the Ontonagon county district, in the Upper peninsula, . . . says that a large number of deer in the northern counties are suffering for want of food, and it is surmised some may be dying of starvation. The early winter with a snow fall of two feet has made it difficult for the animals to obtain food.

The deer, he explains, subsist through the winter largely on the boughs of trees felled in lumber camps. But cutting of timber in the camps does not, as a general rule, start until January.

Since enactment several years ago of a law permitting the shooting of bucks only, deer are becoming more plentiful each year, Senator Wilcox says.

O. W. Hiser of Clark township was in the city Monday and was considerably worried over weather prospects which at that time had undergone a great change from the last of December. He said that the mild spell had spoiled the logging roads, and that spiders were drawing over the snow, the deer were running in the fall and that bears had not holed up for the winter and that they were still being hunted with success in this section. He thought that every indication was for a mild winter.

When one judges one's self the verdict is pretty sure to be acquittal.

From Mackinac Island: S. N. Bradford, district telephone manager of the Soo, came over on the Elva yesterday and was expected to meet with the council last night in regard to placing the telephone lines underground.

From Moran: Adam Soboleski, assistant operator, left for Soo Junction Saturday to take up a position there at a considerable higher salary than he received at Moran. Adam was a very good man in the depot and we are sorry to lose him.

In a letter from Charles H. Hopkins, Les Cheneaux Islands, about Florida: Generally speaking the whole state is real estate crazy and the tourist who comes here and gets away without buying some part of Florida is the exception. One hears the discussions about real estate investments everywhere until

it becomes sickening. Many make money big money, but more will have their real estate holdings for years to come and be unable to dispose of them. . . .

We pick up people everywhere that we know and some that we never have known who have lived in northern Michigan. In Cincinnati I met a young man named Smith who was just about to leave on a visit to his people near St. Ignace. In DeLand I met W. Nelson McAdam who was born on Mackinac Island and whose father was at one time postmaster there. In St. Petersburg there are many; Mrs. R. S. Melchers of the Islington is hostess of the new Serene hotel, one of the finest new houses in the country George LaFleur has a fine property there. Mrs. Lulu Cross has another. Andrew Tanner and son Volney are at Pass-a-grill near by and there are others in various parts of the state. John M. Nichols, another Snows man has a fine place at Eustice.

50 YEARS AGO
The Republican-News
and St. Ignace Enterprise
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Mackinac county supervisors in session this week accepted a special report on a proposed medical care facility submitted by Supr. Anne E. Crisler of Portage township.

Discussion of the report occupied the board which is considering the engagement of an architect to survey the proposed facility.

"We are budgeting approximately \$73,000 per year for hospitalization," declared Supr. Harold E. Dettman of St. Ignace, chairman of the board. "While a medical care facility, on a dollars and cents basis, might not reduce this figure, it would provide better care for more people.

"At the present we have people housed in homes for the aged where medical care is not provided," he continued. "A facility in the county would bring these people into better conditions and looking at it from a human standpoint the provision of a facility would be a great forward step."

Members of Unit 8 of the Northern Michigan Ottawa association are urged to attend a meeting at the K. of C. hall in St. Ignace from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 9.

According to Willard Lambert, president of the local association, discussion will include plans for disposition of the funds the association has raised. He said the membership includes residents of St. Ignace, Cedarville, Hessel, Curtis and Manistique.

All upper peninsula Indians are invited to participate in an enrollment Saturday, January 9 in St. Ignace.

Robert Dominic of Petoskey, president of the Northern Michigan Ottawa Association will be present at the Knights of Columbus Hall in St. Ignace to conduct the enrollment. Indians from as far as Escanaba are eligible for enrollment.

Dominic will bring the 1910 Durant Roll and persons attending the session will be able to examine

the records of their ancestry.

The enrollment is open to both Ottawas and Chippewas, and members of the Bay Mills community have been invited to attend.

Fire from an overheated stovepipe caught in the wall of a railway coach parked near Shore Lumber Yard on Monday at 6:16 p.m. Firemen answered the alarm at first feared it was the lumber yard, but found the coach, occupied by workmen with the railway maintenance gang, and subdued the blaze and smoke in a few minutes after breaking into the wall.

Winter store hours in St. Ignace were announced today by the Retail committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Most stores will comply with the committee's recommendation of being open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily.

The committee also considered Tuesday afternoon closing, but the various stores were not unanimously in favor of the action

Ogle's store, founded here in 1883 by the late William Ogle, ended its grocery business on Jan. 1 this year.

The only three-story business building on State street in St. Ignace, will be offered for lease.

George Ogle, who started in the store to assist his mother in 1921, and Allen Ogle, his brother who came in the store in 1940, both have other business plans. John Ogle, also a brother, started in the store in 1937, but left it some years ago to establish himself in the curio business. He is the owner of Ogle's Deer Ranch on West US-2.

Allen Ogle will devote his time to his growing television repair and service business and will handle all of Taylor Appliance Center work.

George Ogle who already has established a curio business in a building adjacent to the Ogle store, will expand and occupy the former Kendall Surplus store building owned by Dr. Shaftoe.

Police Chief Terry Fenlon this week called attention to motorists to the new city ordinance prohibiting parking on streets and alleys during the hours from 2 a.m. to 7 a.m.

"This ordinance will be strictly enforced," warned Fenlon. "The snow removal season is upon us and in order that the snow-fighting crews can keep streets in proper condition they must not be hampered by parked cars."

A sharp increase in demand for upper peninsula land is predicted over the next 40 years. In point up the demand increase a specialist in community development urges U. P. citizens to consider more land use planning and need for zoning ordinances.

Abram Snyder, with the U. P. extension center of Michigan State university, calls attention to a U. S. Resources for the Future Report published in 1958 which predicts that demand for land such as in the U.P. will be 40 times as great as it

was in 1955. Upper peninsula land is called resource-based recreation land. "In general this means we have scenery, water, climate, forests and other natural vacation attractions," Snyder says.

From Mackinac Island: Boat service was not in operation Monday, December 28. The high wind continued and all trips were canceled. During the week we had fields of ice, but they did not hamper the boat service. Mail service was taken over by plane on Friday, January 1 At this time the plane is landing at the airport. Boat service will be discontinued on Saturday.

From Les Cheneaux: Ice cutting operations have begun in Les Cheneaux as the Nye crew started cutting the ice in the Cedarville bay early this week. With about 12 inches of ice, the operations of putting up ice should take a little longer than it did last year. The temperatures last year at this time were much different from right now. The ice last year was about 22 inches in depth and the mercury was around the zero mark. The snow last year was measured in feet and this year it is measured in inches.

During 1959, the Mackinac county draft board inducted 16 registrants as Michigan Selective Service draft boards continued to insure the strength of the nation's armed forces during 1959.

Someone had a free Christmas party at the expense of John Torsky when they broke into his home in Cedarville sometime between Dec. 19 and 31.

The intruder helped himself to 24 bottles of Canadian beer and cooked a meal. The guest didn't seem to have any manners however; Torsky was left with a sink full of dirty dishes.

The incident was reported by state police.

Moral Re-Armaments' "Beaver," a high powered former landing barge, was kept going 24 hours a day last week bucking ice in Moran bay

as it carted carload after carload of supplies to and from the M. R.-A. Center at Mackinac Island. Easterly wind had packed crushed ice into the bay where rapidly lowering temperatures turned the slush into a barrier. At times it took the Beaver more than an hour to make dock from the water line outside the bay. On one trip the ship carried a heavy truck hear the stern and when the bow of the ship raised up on the ice, the truck was driven forward to add weight to break down the ice. This seemed to work. The race against the ice was to transport 10 carloads of building supplies for the new TV studio structure.

30 YEARS AGO
The St. Ignace News
January 10, 1980

Harold L. Dettman, who was honored in St. Ignace as Citizen of the Year and recognized in the Upper Peninsula as Person of the Year for his effective leadership in governmental and developmental organizations, died Friday, January 4, at his home. He was 73.

Mr. Dettman was slated for reelection Tuesday at the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners meeting for his 23rd year as chairman of the board. He served 25 years on the board since his election in 1955. Before that election he served from 1936 as a justice of the peace for 12 years.

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners broker their Tuesday morning meeting into two parts and adjourned early to attend the funeral of their long term Chairman, Herald L. Dettman.

The board elected Vernon (Tim) Hossack of Cedarville as its new chairman. The three commissioners present Emmet Vallier, Harry Pechta, and Hossack comprised the three unanimous votes for Hossack.

Mrs. Alma Tamlyn was appointed to serve as commissioner to replace Dettman by a unanimous vote. Mrs. Tamlyn had lost by only 53 votes to Mr. Dettman in the election last year for District 5.

Rumored walkout by members of the Marine Engineer's Union on the Chief Wawatam railroad car ferry did not come off last week, but negotiations are still continuing between the Detroit and Mackinac Railroad and union representatives over increased wages and fringe benefits, according to an official of the railroad.

Captain Roderick Graham of the Chief Wawatam said there are only two members of the union on the boat, but there are five Marine Engineer's Union jobs. Three of the jobs are being filled by non-union employees, he said, because of a shortage of union engineers in the area.

Two other unions represent employees on the railroad ferry, the Seafarers International Union and the Master, Mates, and Pilots Union.

The Chief Wawatam now is operating three days a week with two runs a day between St. Ignace and Mackinac City.

Lawrence A. Ruben, executive secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, was appointed chairman of the Millage Information Committee by Hospital Board Chairman Peter Della-Moretta at the board meeting Thursday, January 3.

From Naubinway-Engadine: Fishermen, when you've speared that pike, try Tiny's good recipe: Dissolve a beef bouillon cube in one cup of water. Then don't measure, says Tiny, just use a big lump of butter, plenty of paprika and a lot of parsley flakes. Put the fish in a casserole, pour this mixture over it and bake, uncovered, for 45 minutes. Don't use any salt.

From Mackinac Island: The sights ad sounds of winter an Islander riding her bicycle through town (note that the bicycle was still in use, since as of Saturday there was no snow on the Island) was listening to the quiet and then noticed a tinkling. It was the bits of ice floating in the bay, being washed back and forth under the docks.

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