

Looking Back

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affairs, jointly. This is probably the end of the bill.

90 Years Ago

The St. Ignace Enterprise May 11 to May 18, 1916

Chas. Hasse of the National Biscuit Co., Grand Rapids, visited his trade here Friday.

Frank J. Allison of the Soo was calling on the meat men Friday in the interest of the Cornwell Beef Co.

Captain and Mrs. John McA. Webster and little grandson, George Pond, arrived Saturday from Detroit, where they had spent the past month.

Mrs. Delphine Dodge Ashbaugh, president of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs, gave a very fine lecture Wednesday afternoon at the school house to a large and appreciative audience.

Forty Hours Devotion opened Monday morning at Ste. Anne's church with solemn high mass celebrated by Rev. Father Sommers. The assisting priests were Rev. Father Gagnieur, S.J., Rev. Nigh of Mackinaw, and Rev. Fr. Kerfs of St. Ignace.

Music lovers of the Island were given a splendid treat Saturday evening at a recital given by the pupils of Miss Webb, assisted by Miss Nellie Doud, at the Mission House. Miss Doud, the ever popular favorite, rendered a number of selections which were enthusiastically received.

Seventy percent of the American people use electricity in some form.

It is said that the United States Army engineers have long used the following mixture for water-proofing cement: One part of cement, two parts of sand, three quarters of a pound of dry powdered alum to each cubic foot of sand. These are mixed and dried, and to them is added water in which has been dissolved three quarters of a pound of soap to each gallon. This, it is said, is quite impervious to water.



Members of the Chambers family (from left) Rosella Chambers, Gunn Chambers, and Margaret Loretta Metivier (nee Chambers), on the steps of Grand Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers are the parents of *Town Crier* columnist Jeannette Doud and of the late Patrick Chambers and the late Alfred Edward "Gunn" Chambers. They owned a souvenir shop on Main Street and at Fort Holmes and Arch Rock. Mrs. Metivier was married to Albert Metivier.

50 Years Ago

The Republican News and St. Ignace Enterprise May 10 to May 17, 1956

The Mackinac Island Historical Society will hold a May meeting on Tuesday, May 15, at the Thomas Ferry school. Papers will be given on the 1850 period.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Arbib and daughters arrived Thursday from Hollywood, Florida, and are preparing the opening of their gift shops at the Island.

John Wellington, who is stationed with the U.S. Coast Guard at Sault Ste. Marie, is spending the weekend visiting his folks, the C.P. Wellingtons.

The summer offices of Grand Hotel opened Monday with N.C.

Bicking as manager, Barry McNulty, and Miss Virginia

Townsan. The spring offices of Grand Hotel are in the Doud Cottage. Many workers for Grand Hotel also arrived this week and activities of cleaning have started.

W.O. DeWitt, golf pro of Grand Hotel, has arrived with his crew to prepare the golf course for its opening.

35 Years Ago

The Republican-News & St. Ignace Enterprise May 13 to May 20, 1971

Victor Callewaert of Detroit has arrived for the summer and is busily preparing The Lake View Hotel and Ryba's candy shops for an early opening.

May 19th, WWJ TV, Ch. 4, of Detroit, with Dennis Glen Cooper, will show the 1970 Lilac Festival films, also the Reenactment of the Indian Massacre at old Fort Michilimackinac.

Mackinac Island Public School Honor Roll - 7th Grade: Brenda Bunker, Sandy Gallagher, Christine McCready; 8th Grade: Cindy

Cadotte, Patricia Martin, Patty Trayser (all A's), Beth Brown; 9th Grade: Chris Blosswick, Debbie Bradley, Dorothy Gillespie, Mandy St. Onge; 10th Grade: Arnie Visnaw; 11th Grade: Cathy Cowell, Claudis Olson (all A's), Dianne Peterson; 12th Grade: Bonnie Bodwin, Laurie Cowell, Dwight Lapine, Dee Therrien.

St. Ignace, Michigan, a city of some 2,800 strong, located at the north side of the famed bridge over the historic Straits of Mackinac, is celebrating its 300th birthday this year and has an unusual plan for publicizing the event. Seven local men, portraying Pere Marquette, Louis Joliet, and five voyageur paddlers, will shove off in birch bark canoes. They will retrace the route of the original Marquette-Joliet exploration of the Mississippi River. Along the way, they will present hand-painted scrolls to

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