

Looking Back

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115 Years Ago

The St. Ignace News

Saturday, May 23, 1891

Jason Gallagher of the Island spent several days in St. Ignace this week.

The *Faxton* carried the mail to the Island Tuesday instead of the *West*, the latter being at Les Cheneaux.

90 Years Ago

The St. Ignace Enterprise

Thursday, May 25, 1916

At a meeting of the common council of Mackinac Island Monday night, a contract was entered into with Horace Dollarhide of Chicago for the construction of a McGuire-Hunter incinerator to be erected on the level about one-half mile back of the Grand Hotel. The contract price is \$6,200. The incinerator will be a single unit plant capable of taking care of six tons of garbage, refuse, and waste every 24 hours.

The Island has long felt the needs of an incinerator to take care of its garbage during the heated season. The building will be of the bungalow style and will be attractive and notwithstanding its character will be a place that can be visited without being nauseated by offensive odors, as it is said that the institution will be entirely odorless.

The beautiful yacht *Rambler* was in port Tuesday with a large party of New Yorkers aboard.

50 Years Ago

The Republican News

and St. Ignace Enterprise

Thursday, May 24, 1956

Three carloads of special type of electric cable for submarine duty at the Straits of Mackinac have arrived in St. Ignace. The cable will be submerged across the Straits to connect the electric power sources of the Consumers Power Co. with the Edison Sault Electric Co., providing



Former United States President Harry Truman (right) enjoys a carriage ride with Nancy Williams and Michigan Governor G. Mennen Williams during Mackinac Island's 1955 Lilac Festival. Mr. Truman was president from 1945 to 1953. (Photograph courtesy of Angie Bunker)

greater power resources for both concerns in northern Michigan.

The many friends of our health nurse, Stella King, are happy to see Stella again in her office at the Health Center. Miss King has been confined to her home the past month due to illness.

B. Latus Murray arrived Sunday from Hanover, Maryland, and is busily preparing for the opening of the Murray Hotel.

35 Years Ago

The Republican-News

& St. Ignace Enterprise

Thursday, May 27, 1971

At approximately 3:30 p.m.

last Friday, May 21, a fire on

Mackinac Island completely

devastated the summer home of

E.E. Miller on the West Bluff at the northerly end of the Island. Damage estimated at better than \$50,000 included the loss of priceless furnishings and irreplaceable fine old woodwork, fittings, and lavish appointments of another era. The fire is believed to have been started by lightning, as it was first sighted by a passenger on an Arnold Transit boat.

The Mackinac Island Historical officers elected for the 1971 term are: Mrs. Susan Van Dusen, president; Mr. Robert Benjamin, vice president; Mrs. Esther Wightman, vice president; Mrs. Mary McGreevy, treasurer; Mrs. Agnes Shine, winter treasurer; and Mrs. Charles Truscott, secretary.

W.S. Woodfill opened his summer home Saturday on Lake Shore Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Benjamin and sons of Farmington spent the weekend at their summer home on Lake Shore Drive also opening their Island Candle Shop.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Town Crier is seeking original prints or reprints of old photographs depicting areas in the Eastern Upper Peninsula to be scanned into its 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 Town Crier or The St. Ignace News offices.

2007 Seasons of Mackinac Calendar Available

By Leslie Rott

Among Mackinac Island's many annual traditions is the release of the new "Seasons of Mackinac" calendar, which for many marks the end of winter and the beginning of another summer.

The 2007 calendar will be the 24th that Mackinac Island Recreational Development (MIRD) has produced. The photographic calendar was started as a way to engage both residents and visitors in Island culture and, according to MIRD President Urvana Morse, it is one of the organization's major fundraising activities.

A popular gift, the calendar is a constant reminder of the Island's beauty and charm, both for residents and those who reside off the Island.

The photographs included in the four seasons are selected in a competition held each winter during the Winter Festival.

Each year, MIRD receives more than 200 photographs, which are grouped by season and voted on by people attending the Festival in February. The names of the photographers are kept secret until after the voting.

The cover of this year's calendar commemorates the Island's location in the Straits of Mackinac with photographs of freighters in both the summer and winter months.

This year, Mrs. Morse said that there were not



MIRD President Urvana Morse with the Seasons of Mackinac 2007 calendar.

as many photographs depicting spring on the Island, so she encourages entrants in future photography contests to remember to enter their spring pictures.

The "Seasons of Mackinac" 2007 calendar can be purchased at Island gift shops or ordered directly through MIRD by telephone at (906) 847-6293, mail to P.O. Box 421, Mackinac Island, MI 49757, or online at www.mackinac.com/mird.

Proceeds from the sale of the calendar are used to improve the Island's recreational programs and facilities for all ages and to develop and maintain Great Turtle Park.

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