

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE ON MACKINAC ISLAND

BY JEANNETTE DOUD



The weather on Sunday of Memorial Day weekend played havoc with many activities on the Island. Heavy rain and thick fog prevailed, limiting outdoor fun. The big freighters continued their loud fog signals as they passed through Round Island Passage. At one point, the bright sun poked through for a second or two, suddenly to disappear as a fog bank appeared. The sailors experienced a stressful day.

The Knights of Columbus convention enjoyed beautiful weather, which allowed them to have the living rosary in Grand Hotel's Tea Garden. Dressed in satin-lined capes and plumed hats, it was a very colorful sight. Bishop Alex Sample of the Marquette Diocese celebrated the opening mass at Grand Hotel. Greeting the Knights of Columbus were thousands of blooming tulips in a variety of colors at the east end of the beautiful hotel, which were at their peak. It is a breathtaking sight and is very pleasing to everyone, including the garden crew who planted the bulbs in late October. During the long winter nap, they're protected with fencing to avoid any traffic that should occur. Jennie St. Onge, wife of Jason and a graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in horticulture, assists in the planting each fall.

The lilacs! The lilacs! Following the warm rain and several days of sunshine, the many trees, which were brought over by the early missionary fathers, are beginning to burst into bloom with their glorious fragrance permeating the air. I carefully watch all the large trees in the Chambers lot on Cadotte Avenue. It will soon become a magnificent sight. Many yards have trees with the deepest purple flowers, almost black.

Happy belated birthday to Carrie Kaminen May 24. Hope your day was special.

Hannah Bradley will cele-

brate her birthday June 1. Enjoy your day.

At Grand Hotel Wednesday, May 31, Cadotte Avenue was very busy, as members of the largest convention, the Greater Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, arrived to convene at their annual visit to the beautiful hotel.

Happy wedding anniversary to Ron and Mary Dufina June 3. Have a great day.

On Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, the marina was filled with magnificent boats of every size and description. It was the beginning of a very busy season. Riding east by the marina, with the lilacs beginning to bloom and the steeple of Ste. Anne's in the distance, it is truly a beautiful sight.

Gene Hagenbaugh will celebrate his birthday June 3. Enjoy your day.

At Mission Point Resort, visitors arriving are met with an unbelievable sight. Thousands of tulips in a variety of colors decorate the grounds, surrounding every tree and shrub. It represents the breath of springtime.

Happy birthday to Kristi Graham June 3. Have a great day.

A very impressive Memorial Day service conducted by members of American Legion Post 299 was held at the Veterans Memorial in the city park Monday, May 29, at 11:30 a.m. Armand "Smi" Horn, mayor pro-tem, was master of ceremonies, followed by Mary Slevin singing the National Anthem. Father Rey Garcia, S.J. gave the invocation and Mayor Margaret Doud welcomed the crowd and reflected on Mackinac's veterans. American Legion Post 299 Commander Paul Wandrie gave a moving speech about service to our country. Lloyd St. Louis of St. Ignace, Jerry Dyer, and Island mother of five veterans, Catherine Bazinaw, were honored. The American flag was raised to full staff as "Taps" were played by soldiers from Fort Mackinac. The closing blessing was given by Chuk Kleber of Trinity Church. It was a beautiful service honoring Mackinac's fallen heroes



Friends Gather To Celebrate May Birthdays

May birthdays were celebrated in style at The Gate House Tuesday, May 30. Pictured are (from left) City Clerk Karen Lennard, Medical Center Coordinator Kathleen Hoppenrath, Mayor Margaret Doud, and Alford's Drug Store owner Mel Hagenbaugh. The Mayor's mother and *Town Crier* columnist, Jeannette Doud, was unable to attend the celebration, but celebrated her birthday May 16.

and the dedicated troops serving our country today.

Father Anthony from India, who is a visiting priest at Our Lady of the Snows in Hessel, visited Mackinac on Wednesday for the first time. He enjoyed the Island and was accompanied by Donna House of St. Ignace and Margie Denoyer of Cedarville.

Officer Cory Kaminen will celebrate his birthday June 6. Hope little Jack will help you

blow out your candles.

On Memorial Day, Father Rey Garcia, S.J., pastor of Ste.

Anne's, carried on the annual tradition of celebrating mass in

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