

# Looking Back

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## 115 Years Ago

**The St. Ignace News  
Saturday, May 28, 1892**

S. Vigeant shipped a fine new organ to a Mackinac Island customer Thursday.

President Preston and "Shake" Gallagher of Mackinac Island were in St. Ignace Thursday.

## 90 Years Ago

**The St. Ignace Enterprise  
Thursday, May 31, 1917**

The Mackinac County Chapter of the American Red Cross society was formally organized at a large and enthusiastic meeting held in Moose Hall in St. Ignace Monday afternoon and the drive to secure a thousand members will soon begin. Dr. Jas. R. Bogan and Mrs. Rose Webb are members representing the Island.

Mackinac City schools were obliged to close a part of last week, having neither wood or coal to keep fire.

John LaPlaut of the Island visited St. Ignace a couple of days last week. He says that the barber shop of Emmert & LaPlaut is doing a rushing business and that they are looking for one of the best seasons the resort has ever seen in recent years.

Maj. F.V. Pilson was over in St. Ignace Saturday looking after his interests there. He informed *The Enterprise* that he is installing in his Island drug store a new soda fountain, which is said to be one of the finest ever set up in northern Michigan.

The difference between Memorial Day and Decoration Day was thus defined by Hon. B.H. Blackburn in the *Atlanta Journal*: Memorial Day, he explained, was of southern ori-

gin and was adopted two years before Decoration Day was adopted in the north.

Decoration Day will be observed in the usual way this year. The school children will meet at the Astor House and march to the cemetery.

Mackinac has been having some very delightful weather for the past week. It seems hardly possible that last week our town was under a blanket of snow.

The school children as well as others were entertained Thursday evening by the ladies of the Women's Club showing some very interesting pictures through the new stereopticon lantern recently purchased for the school.

## 50 Years Ago

**The Republican-News &  
St. Ignace Enterprise  
Thursday, May 30, 1957**

The Pittsburgh line ships, the *Phipps* and the *Affleck*, "brushed" in the foggy Straits of Mackinac about 5:30 a.m. Sunday. The accident occurred about a mile west of the Mackinac bridge. Plates buckled slightly, but both ships continued on, the *Phipps* with coal to DeTour.

Mrs. D. Hogue of Pleasant Ridge has arrived and is spending a few weeks visiting Mrs. Lenore Goodheart. Mrs. Hogue will open the Carriage Lantern tea room in June.

John Bloswick Jr. is enjoying a leave from Great Lakes training center with his folks, the John Bloswicks.

Father Bernard Karol's St. Ignace Crusaders evened the score with the Mackinac Island Devils Sunday, May 19 at Mackinac Island with the score 25 to 17. It was the second game of the season for both



**The first Horn to reside on Mackinac Island was Edward Simon Horn, who was second in command at the U.S. Coast Guard station, which operated between 1915 and 1969. The Coast Guard acquired land from the Mackinac Island State Park across from what is now Marquette Park to build a station. After 1969, it reverted to the park and was converted into a visitor center in 1970. Pictured are (from left) the wife of U.S. Coast Guard Captain Anderson (her first name is unknown), Mr. Horn's wife, Violet, Mr. Horn in his uniform, and, in the carriage, his son, Archie Horn. (Photograph courtesy of Roger Horn)**

teams. Larry Parel of the Devils was the losing pitcher. Over 100 Islanders watched their home team lose the first game on home ground. Coaching the Devils was Ike Bunker at first base, and Carl Bazinaw coaching at third base.

A map of Mackinac Island, nearly 150 years old, was found last week by Arnold Visnaw of Mackinac Island, who brought the relic to St. Ignace and sold it to Bill Brown, who had Louis P. Walker preserve it under glass. Drawn by J. Mulett shortly

after 1812, the map shows the principal street on the Island, Water Street, as being only 40 feet wide. Considerable litigation in later years provided for a 100-foot street.

## 35 Years Ago

**The Republican-News &  
St. Ignace Enterprise  
Thursday, June 1, 1972**

Rep. Dennis Cawthorne and Joe McLaughlin of Lansing visited Island friends over the weekend. Mr. McLaughlin will return on June 5 and will resume his position as manager of the Mackinac Island Chamber of Commerce.

Memorial Day holiday was ideal with the temperatures in the 80s. Many tourists visited the Island and enjoyed riding and bicycling. It was one of the largest crowds for a Memorial Day.

## 15 Years Ago

**The St. Ignace News  
Thursday, May 28, 1992**

Mackinac Island made its first trip to the Upper Peninsula Track and Field Championships held in Marquette Saturday, May 23. Two athletes, Tawna Urman and Craig Bunker, represented the smallest school in the finals.

On Memorial Day, Father Jim Williams celebrated mass at 11 a.m. at the grave site of the late Father Joseph Ling, pastor of Ste. Anne's Church for 26 years.

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## Birth

### Michael Straus



Michael Orion was born to Melissa and Michael Straus of Okemos Saturday, May 26, 2007 at 4:20 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

Grandparents are Dr. Francis and Lorna Straus of Chicago and Mackinac and Linda and Allen Opp of Yuma, Arizona.

Young Michael joins a sister, Ariana, born in December 2003.

At left: Michael Orion Straus

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