

# Looking Back

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## 115 Years Ago

*The St. Ignace News*

**Saturday, June 18, 1892**

The str. *City of Charlevoix* will, in the future, make semi-weekly trips between Mackinac Island and Chicago.

Massachusetts, like Ohio, pays its governor \$8,000 a year. The only states that have larger salaries for their governors are New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, which give their chief executives \$10,000 annually. The salary of \$6,000 prevails in California and Illinois. Seven states have salaries at \$4,000; four states pay as little as \$2,000, viz., Delaware, Maine, Michigan, and New Hampshire; and two states, Oregon and Vermont, pay annually to each of their governors the munificent sum of \$1,500.

## 90 Years Ago

*The St. Ignace Enterprise*

**Thursday, June 21, 1917**

The Western Union company has moved its office downtown.

The *Silver Chief* of Cheboygan brought a large supply of groceries, etc., for Grand Hotel Tuesday.

The senior class, 1917, of the Alpena high school were guests at the Iroquois Hotel from Saturday until Monday.

Mrs. B.S. Jamieson of Toledo is occupying the Patrick Doud cottage on the lake front, which was formerly the Ames cottage, and has recently been remodeled.

Wilfred Puttkammer arrived Monday fresh from his newly won laurels at the University of Chicago, where he was again a student carrying the highest honors at the seat of learning, just as he did at Princeton four years ago. This time it was in the law department, and though many fine openings with prominent legal men in Chicago were offered to him, Mr. Puttkammer did not accept any of them. He is most desirous of serving his country in some capacity where his familiarity with five languages will be a valuable asset.

## 50 Years Ago

*The Republican-News*

*& St. Ignace Enterprise*

**Thursday, June 20, 1957**

James Dennany arrived Monday from Ann Arbor and is again at the Murray Hotel for the summer.

Barton Chambers, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. John H. Chambers, is to enter West Point July 2. He attended Thomas Ferry school at the Island in the fifth grade.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Abbey

and son have arrived from Lansing. Joe has opened his popular apparel shop.

## 35 Years Ago

*The Republican-News*

*& St. Ignace Enterprise*

**Thursday, June 22, 1972**

Mackinac Island Lilac Queen Patty Trayser and her court, Debbie Bradley, Nancy Cowell, and Cathy Peterson, reigned over the Coronation Ball held Saturday evening, June 18, in the Mackinac Island Town Hall.

"Mackinac," an original musicale by the Farmington Musicales Members, will be presented Sunday night, June 25, at Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, in

the Casino room. The story is set around the Island in deep winter about 1820, and features original songs sung by members of the Farmington Musicales.

## 15 Years Ago

*The St. Ignace News*

**Thursday, June 18, 1992**

By ferry and by horse-drawn dray, Mackinac Island's digital telephone equipment made its way across East Moran Bay and through the Island's downtown streets Monday morning, June 15. The old electromechanical telephone switching equipment on the Island dates back to the 1930s. Electromechanical call switching equipment means that

every time a person dials a seven digit number, seven mechanical parts must move.

This year's Lilac Queen was Mariah Horn, daughter of Joe and Linda Horn.

In what Frances Hadden describes as a "nostalgic break," St. Ignace's piano-playing Haddens, both 82 and former residents of Mackinac Island, have decided no longer to carry their two Baldwins on the road with them, meaning they will part with the vehicle, a special 1972 LTD motor home, which they've used for 20 years, racking up 180,000 miles and going through three engines.

## Island Tourism Is Up Since Low Point in 2003-04

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Michigan's economy continues to shrink," he said. "The state of Michigan needs to invest more money into its number-one industry, travel and tourism. Studies have actually shown that for every dollar invested into tourism, three dollars is returned in taxes and state revenues."

Mackinac Island was also voted one of the top 10 islands in the world by *Condé Nast Traveler*, one of the most well-known magazines to travelers. Increased exposure like that, and the recent Discovery Channel "Dirty Jobs" visit and this week's and visit by the CBS program, "The Early Show," help draw attention, and visits, on a national scale. And the price is right.

"We are really just hoping that the things that we cannot control, like the gas prices and the weather, are on our side this summer," Mr. Benser said. "Our budget is limited, so the things that don't cost money but improve tourism are what we're really looking for."

Todd Callewaert, president of The Island House and vice president of Ryba's Fudge Shops, says that hotel bookings were up in

May, with June the same as 2006. Advance deposits are ahead 8% this year.

Like Mr. Plaza at Arrowhead Carriages, Mr. Callewaert isn't complaining that business is the same as last year, because he had a good year last year.

He noted, "2003 and 2004 were the worst years for the Island, but it certainly has picked up since then. I really can't complain at the current situation. It's good to keep things new on the Island, such his family's Starbucks coffee house. People might say, 'Oh my gosh, it's ruining the Island.' But, you have to

give people a reason to visit. People like that home-comfort feeling. We have been thinking of different specials to keep things new at the fudge shops, and set up promotion packages for the Island House with Carriage Tours, Fort Mackinac, boat lines, and butterfly exhibits."

Mackinac Island businesses refuse to sit still while the state's economy falls.

"We're working hard to give them a better product, and we just hope they come here to check it out," Mr. Callewaert said.

## Norway Maples Are Weak at Core

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Another way to detect problems is to use a machine that was recently developed, which can help determine the amount of rot or hollow in a tree. It's called a shigometer, and I'll discuss it in more detail in a later column.

It's expensive to remove and replace the Norway maples that many people have growing near houses or other buildings. I know that the removal and disposal of the two large ones on my lot, because of the location and the difficulty getting at them, cost me several thousand dollars. It is sometimes difficult to get other trees to grow after a

Norway has been in the area, and the influence of these maples on the soil may be felt by other plants for up to 10 years. It's a hard decision to remove these large trees, because of the cost and the aesthetic change of removing them, but when considering the cost of damage done to buildings and property, not to mention the environmental impact of the distribution of these trees into our forests, it might behoove people to consider it.

*Trish Martin is a year-around resident of Mackinac Island, has earned a master's degree in botany from Central Michigan University, and owns Bogan Lane Inn.*

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