

Michigan Mirror

NON-PARTISAN STATE NEWS LETTER

MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich.—

What's "wrong" with Mackinac Island?

Here is an enchantingly lovely lake in the Straits between the lower and upper peninsulas, proclaimed by the Daughters of the American Revolution to be "Michigan's most historic spot."

Its past parallels the founding of the United States. In 1671, Father Marquette established a Catholic mission of St. Ignace at what is now St. Ignace. Long before 1700 the French built frontier forts at St. Ignace and Mackinac City, retaining control there until their disastrous defeat at Quebec in 1759 at the hands of the British. In 1763 the Ojibwa Indians, inspired by crafty Pontiac, massacred the inhabitants of the British. In 1780 the British moved Fort Mackinac to Mackinac Island, and Canadian border disputes kept the island under the British flag until October, 1796, when Fort Mackinac was turned over to the first American commander. This transfer was the final incident of the Revolutionary war. For nearly 180 years, up to 1895, the island was manned by regular army troops of the United States.

Talk about history! In a nutshell, is a glimpse of the glorious and stirring background of Mackinac Island. Yet for a decade the island has been declining as a place for summer residence. Only a few weeks ago Gov. Luren D. Dickinson suggested that the governor's cottage there be closed permanently.

With all this rugged history behind it, why should Mackinac Island have fewer summer residents than it had ten or twenty years ago? Intend on fathoming the reasons, we spent a week-end recent.

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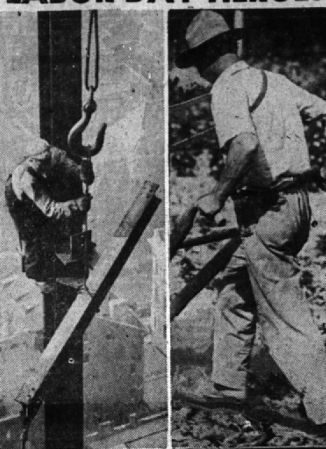
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costs money, too.

If you like to golf, the island has a scenic course at the Grand Hotel. The grounds fee is \$1.65. Because the water at the Straits is uniformly cool (remember the big ice lam there, last winter?) outdoor bathing is limited to a hotel pool the waters of which were being warmed artificially early in August. Lacking is the familiar sand beach at most Michigan resorts where youngsters and older alike may relax, sunbathe, or swim at their heart's content and usually without cost.

If you are content to don a pair of boots, swing a staff, and hike over miles of shaded woodland trails, Mackinac Island is superb. A motion picture house in the town offers current cinemas for 40 cents. For fishing, you must travel elsewhere. Dancin' and entertainment are available at the smart Grand Hotel for a cover charge. Prices are comparable with those in the best night clubs, and the entertainment is astonishingly excellent (and also clean) when you consider the distance from Chicago or Detroit. (This is not press-agency; we paid our own bill.)

Consider the island's recreational facilities. If you can afford a sailboat or a motor launch, you will probably keep you contented as a well-filled kitten for weeks on end. The waters of the Straits are ideal for sailing; a yacht club offers every desired service. Like Bermuda, Mackinac Island excludes automobiles, and 40 miles of roads away from the equestrian—no honking of horns, screaming of brakes, and carbon monoxide fumes. But yachting and horse-back riding

comes from carriage fares. Proprietors of most business shops, and we presume all hotels, live elsewhere except during the summer season.

A carriage ride for any minimum distance costs 50 cents. Except for bicycles, horses provide the only means of transportation. Harvey Campbell, Detroit Board of Commerce, thinks the island is destined to have a continued decline in tourist trade largely because, as he colorfully phrased it, "the island rests on a manure dump." He deplores the swarms of flies. His remedy is the Detroit-made horse bus, used at the New York and San Francisco world's fairs, with fares at popular prices.

Sentimental lovers of Mackinac Island rise in wrath at the idea. A chugging, noisy bus would ruin the island's tranquility. It would create hazards. Preposterous! Why put scores of thousands of people on relief? countered a member of the state commission. "Carriages provide the only means of earning a living. And what's the hurry, anyway?"

Down in the situation as it is, without personal bias. Certainly, this island paradise for horses is unique territory. The United States. And in all places—Michigan.

U.S.C., Tennessee, Fordham

Early Gridiron Favorites

BY IRVING DIX

IT'S just a matter of days before a couple thousand husky collegians start crowding baseball fields and tennis courts for the season. Football camps are buzzing with activity, so its time to get out on the line—even at this early date—with a few forecasts.

In the east the finger points to Fordham. The Ram of Rye should be a high-geared animal this fall with what potentially is the greatest backfield in Jimmy Crowley's tenure as coach.

Returning are Capt. Billy Kravitz at quarter, Len Eganmont at left half, Steve Kazlo at right half and Dominic Principe at full. Behind a typical rock-ribbed Fordham line the Rams ought to go places.

Once mighty Pitt is on the decline with 10 of 11 starters from last year's club gone. Syracuse, on the other hand, is coming up fast and strong. There's a word of warning out to watch the Big Orange.

Below the Mason-Dixon line the experts pick Tennessee, undefeated and untied last year, to lead the parade again.

All-America George Cafego returning to spark their march the Vols and Maj. Bob Neyland is set at every position but end. Tulane and Alabama will be tough and you can't count Duke out of any championship picture.

Midwest critics point to Northwestern as the team to beat. But Lynn Waldor's Wildcats, even though three deep at every post, will have some torrid competition in Purdue, Notre Dame and Minnesota for midwest supremacy.

The Irish of South Bend have a great backfield returning in Steve Sifko, Bob Savage, Lou Zontini and Joe Thesing, and if Elmer Layden can mold another strong line they'll be practically unstopable.

Nebraska, after a lean year in 1938, and Oklahoma, champions last season, are figured to battle it out for Big Six honors, with Missouri snapping at their heels.

Down in the southwest, where anything can happen and usually does, Texas Christian is on the spot. A champion never re-

ign, home of motor transportation!

New Tourist Habits

Times have changed, and so have tourist habits.

Each year the traffic count at the Straits goes up.

More and more the modern traveler, like a gypsy, takes to the open highway, lured by the fascination of new scenic conquests yet to be made.

In his trail have sprung up overnight cabins. During the last year at St. Ignace more than 80 new overnight cabins have been built. At Sault Ste. Marie the cabin facilities have been doubled in the same time. Then the house trailer has become a factor also. At Michilimackinaw state park, adjoining Mackinac City, 400 new trailers were accommodated there up to Aug. 1 of this year in the same period last year.

Where the great American family formerly stayed put in one spot, such as Mackinac Island, for a vacation season, now it is "on the go." Gasoline stations, barbecue stands, overnight cabins, hot-dog stands and the like are rearing a harvest. National park officials report the great attendance this year in history.

As all of the tourist facilities may be obtained at reasonable prices, today's traveler is economy-minded. He has a mental conception that Mackinac Island is a place which only the well-to-do can afford. This belief is seemingly shared by Governor Dickinson who preferred to rent a private cottage on a lake in northern Michigan than to use the state-owned cottage at Mackinac Island, reserved by the legislature for use of the governor as a summer residence. Maybe his reasons were that he preferred fishing. In a press conference he said he couldn't afford to go to Mackinac Island, clinching the point with comment that it had cost him \$15 a day, back in 1927, to stay at a hotel on the island during a conference of state governors.

What It Costs

On the matter of expenses, what does it cost the state to maintain Mackinac Island state park and Michilimackinaw state park at Mackinac City?

From Superintendent Ladd's park records we learned that the state received \$10,900.72 in revenue last year (ending June 30, 1939) and spent \$38,000, making a net expense of around \$27,000. In 1931 receipts totaled \$13,656; they were \$16,499 in 1936 and \$12,065 in 1937. House leases for use of state land brought \$5,470 last year; carriage concessions, \$643; stable concessions, \$200; camping and trailer fees at Michilimackinaw state park, \$2,238.

Up to this year the legislature had usually provided \$500 a year for upkeep of the governor's cottage which is a simple white frame dwelling with a spacious porch overlooking the Straits, a large living room with a fire-place, and all suitably furnished in a manner to make it comfortable for summer homes everywhere. Governor Dickinson voted this expenditure for 1939-40. Occupants furnish their own food; the state provides water, electricity and laundering of linens.

The commission employs six

year-round workers and nine others during only the season.

Future of the Island

What is "wrong" with Mackinac Island? What can be done to restore its former popularity?

As perhaps the greatest shrine of history in the entire Middle-West and certainly in Michigan, Mackinac Island will probably always continue to draw thousands of visitors. It will always be included in the itinerary of lake steampersons. For scenic lure, if for no other, the island will be a leading summer magnet.

According to two members of the state commission the island suffers from a misconception that it is expensive for tourists as based on prevalent prices elsewhere for cabins, meals and the like. The fact that overnight accommodations may be obtained for as low as \$1, that meal prices are as reasonable as similar accommodations elsewhere, and that the island is not known, or at least not believed, in any event the public feels that such accommodations are very limited in number.

Furthermore, friends of the island agree that Mackinac needs skillful state advertising. If it is to compete with other states whose scenic wonders have been brought within easy access of millions in the Middle-West by modern automobiles and modern highways.

They believe some time of the entire state, and the very fact that Michigan comprises two peninsulas and that the island is between them bears out this conclusion somewhat convincingly.

When low-cost recreation could be provided—shuffle-board courts, for example, or an open-air dancing pavilion, which would appeal to people in a moderate income bracket and yet not

Frowns on Movie Mad Tourists



Although he spends many hours guarding each which movie edition of Jesse James used for

hideout, Jake Wilbers has to take some time off to cultivate his fields near Pineville, Mo. Following row with tourists, Jake has kept many pictures fans away from site.

convert the island into a "Coney Island."

In any event, Mackinac Island is well worth a minimum of a full day's visit. Once there you will surely leave with a hope that you can return again soon.

Lambert Will Attend University of Michigan

Due to an unavoidable error it was mistakenly reported in last week's issue of The Eccentric that William J. Lambert, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Lambert of Buckhannon, Va., would enter Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N. Y., next month.

Although William was accepted by the college, he will enter the engineering college at the University of Michigan to begin his freshman work. He is a graduate of Fishburne Military School, Buckhannon, Va. William will study mechanical engineering at the university.

Control Is a Great Thing

Cash—How many runs did they get off in the first inning? "Pitcher—Only six. "And in the second?" "Eight. "And in the third?" "Aw, in the third I blew up and went all to pieces."

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ASSESSMENT OF TAXES ON LAND IN MADISON AND RIVINGTON. Public hearing will be held Tuesday, September 15, 1939, at 9:00 P. M. at the Madison Building, on the creation of a special assessment district consisting of all that property fronting on Madison and Rivington streets, in the City of Birmingham. The estimated cost of this improvement will be assessed \$12,124.12, the City of Birmingham will pay the balance of \$3,705.18.

The improvement includes lateral sewer to serving property included in the assessment district, and also part of the intercepting trunk line sewer system. IRVING E. HANCOCK, City Clerk.

Dated August 24, 1939.

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