

DINNER MEETING  
SEPT 20TH AT  
MARINE CITY

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# THE LIGHTSHIP



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## 2nd Annual Dinner at Marine City Sept 20th

**BOB CAMPBELL, MASTER SCENIC PHOTOGRAPHER**

### **TAKES US ON CITY OF MILWAUKEE AND CHIEF WAWATAM**

A photographer with the sense of color balance, who is willing to try time and again for that perfect picture, best describes the scenes that you will see Saturday evening, September 20th, when Lake Huron Lore has its Second Annual Dinner. For this occasion, we move again to where the action is. This time it is at the ferry dock in Marine City. The ferry appears to be coming into the dining room of the Riviera Restaurant every time it crosses the St. Clair River, but back to Bob and his pictures. He has selected two venerable old ships out of the past for his backdrops. The CITY OF MILWAUKEE, once the pride of the Lake Michigan fleet of the Grand Trunk Railroad Company, is 347.9' in length; beam, 56.2'; depth, 19.2'; 2942 gross  
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A SEPARATE SHEET WAS MAILED WITH INFORMATION ON THE ANNUAL DINNER AND HOW TO OBTAIN RESERVATIONS. PLEASE MAKE THEM EARLY AS THIS WILL HELP THE COMMITTEE TO PLAN SPACE. A FRAMED HAND COLORED PRINT OF CHIEF WAWATAM WILL BE GIVEN TO THE NAME DRAWN FROM ADVANCE TICKET SALES.

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### **S.F.T.P.O.S.S.L. MEMBERS WILL MEET**

#### **AT COLLINGWOOD SEPTEMBER 24th**

BUS TRANSPORTATION WILL BE AVAILABLE, CALL THE MUSEUM FOR RATES AND SCHEDULE.

The members of The Great Lakes Society for the Preservation of Side Ship Launching will meet in formal session at the Heidelberg Inn, Hume Street, Collingwood, Ontario, on September 24th, the eve of the launch of the new ship at Collingwood Shipyards. There have been some questions about the

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tons. She was built at Manitowoc, Wisconsin, by the Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company. She was one of three almost duplicate ships, the CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS and the MADISON, now both gone to their just rewards. She was the most elegant of the Lake Michigan carferries, and it is not hard to see the British influence of the Grand Trunk in her appointments. The joiner work on her cabin interiors is superior craftsmanship. The staterooms, although they are small, are well equipped. The two forward rooms each have a drop folding berth borrowed from the Pullman cars of that day. The semi-circular observation room-writing room, at one time boasted some delightful wicker furniture, several pieces were left some two years ago. Above the desks on each side were pictures of the Canadian Rockies where the Grand Trunk had resort hotels. Moving further aft we find the pursers office, with its little brass wicket where passage is secured and meals paid for and that dining room with the clerestory sky light with a border of small electric lights is something to behold. The pilot house is small and compact but it contains the necessary elements for navigation. You can almost tell that she is one of your editor's favorite ships. Bob's presentation will include, winter and summer passages and with pictures of her present ports of call...yes, she is still running and will take twelve passengers from the port of Frankfort(or Elberta) to Kewaunee, Wis. If you have never made that that trip, before our government, state that is, says she must be replaced with some lighters that have been tried before and were miserable failures in the winter!...do it soon. By the way every time you put gas in your auto YOU ARE PAYING FOR THAT QUESTIONABLE ENTERPRISE...so enjoy it!

# Ride the Bus to Collingwood!

THE TRAVEL DEPARTMENT OF THE MUSEUM OF ARTS AND HISTORY, PORT HURON, IS ARRANGING BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR THOSE WHO WISH THE SAME. THE BUS WILL LEAVE THE MUSEUM AT 10:00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MAKE A LUNCH STOP, PROCEED TO THE SHIPYARD EARLY ENOUGH FOR AFTERNOON PICTURES, THEN TO HEIDELBURG INN. IN THE MORNING THE BUS WILL LEAVE HEIDELBURG INN AT 9:00 A.M. FOR THE SHIPYARD. THE SHIPYARD IS ABOUT A TWO BLOCK WALK FROM THE BUSINESS DISTRICT OF COLLINGWOOD. THERE IS PLENTY OF ACTIVITY AT THE SHIPYARD BEFORE THE LAUNCH WHILE THE SHIP IS BEING TRANSFERRED FROM THE KEEL BLOCKS TO THE SLIDWAYS. FOLLOWING THE LAUNCH THE BUS WILL LEAVE COLLINGWOOD, STOPPING FOR LUNCH ENROUTE, ARRIVING IN PORT HURON ABOUT 7:00 P.M. FOR MEMBERS OF THE MUSEUM, LAKE HURON LORE, OR T.G.L.S.F.T.P.O.S.S.L. THE TRANSPORTATION AND ROOM (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) WILL BE \$49.00 PER PERSON, \$55.00 FOR NON MEMBERS. SINGLE ROOM PRICES WILL BE QUOTED BY CALLING THE MUSEUM AT 982-0891. IF YOU DESIRE BUS TRANSPORTATION PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY AS THE TIME IS LIMITED THAT WE CAN HOLD RESERVATIONS ON A BLOCK OF ROOMS.

## SECOND ANNUAL DINNER SEPT 20 AT MARINE CITY

"RIVER CROSSINGS OF THE ST. CLAIR" AND BOB CAMPBELL'S PRESENTATION OF STEAM FERRIES OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN WILL BE THE PROGRAM.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO HAVE THE SOMBRA MUSEUM OPEN THIS AFTER-NOON. DRIVE DOWN THE CANADIAN SIDE AND SEE THIS UNIQUE MUSEUM IN AN OLD HOUSE ON THE MAIN STREET.

FOR THOSE WISHING TO CROSS ON FOOT, TRANSPORTATION FROM DOCK TO MUSEUM IN SOMBRA WILL BE FURNISHED.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW WITH LEE COOPER AT 97 GRATIOT, MARYSVILLE, MAIL CHECK FOR \$9 PER PERSON TODAY.

MRS. WILLIAM KRELL "MANS"OUR BOOTH ON PIONEER DAY

We want to thank Mrs. William Krell, Grosse Pointe, for substituting for Bill on Pioneer Day. Bill, as you know, makes those delightful ships in bottles, the LUCIA SIMPSON is in the Marine Room, presented by Bill. During the latter part of the afternoon this was taken over by Capt. Ted Richardson and Walter Smith. An added attraction was Commander Cooper explaining how they made ships in bottles when he was a boy in Canada.

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MALCOLMS MOVE OLD FRIENDS TOWARD THE SCRAPPER

During the past Month Malcolm Marine moved the Buffington, Dinkey, Morgan, Jr. and Gov. Miller down the lakes. They were taken out of Duluth-Superior.

AT THE DINNER MEETING ON SEPT 20 YOU WILL SEE A FERRY BOAT TURNED OILER!

DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS STILL A CABLE FERRY ON THE ST. CLAIR RIVER?  
SEE IT AT THE ANNUAL DINNER ON SEPT. 20, GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!!!!

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OSWALD CHARLES EMIG 1897 - 1980

One of the founding fathers of Lake Huron Lore Marine Society passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 1980. Oswald was an active member of the society in his own quiet way. Many of the artifacts that are in the Marine Room of the Museum of Arts and History were contributed by Mr. Emig, that the history of the lakes should be preserved. Oswald was a student of lake history... always ready to tell a story about the lakes. His knowledge was accumulated during a career of over thirty years on the lakes. He will be missed by the Society.

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SEND THE OFFICE AT 97 GRATIOT AVE, MARYSVILLE YOUR CHECK FOR THE FERRYBOAT DINNER AT MARINE CITY ON THE 24TH.....DO IT TODAY, \$9 PER PERSON.....

COLLINGWOOD MEETING OF  
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membership in this society. 1) For the magnificent sum of \$2 you become a life member, which is required to attend the meetings. 2) You need NOT have witnessed a ship launching when making application for membership..... All the members of Lake Huron Lore were sent application blanks last spring with the "LIGHTSHIP". In the event that you have mislaid them and wish to make application now, mail your name and address and phone number to the MUSEUM OF ART AND HISTORY, c/o/ T.G.L.S.F.T.P.O.S.S.L., 1115 Sixth Street, Port Huron, OR APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE at the Annual Dinner Meeting in Marine City on Sept. 20th.

# Inches Memorial Collection

This story, you might say, had its beginnings almost a hundred years ago, when the late Captain H. Chesley Inches, was born in Port Huron. His boyhood was spent in Algonac in sight of the wooden shipyards, and he became a part of this story. Volumes could be written and many stories have been about the Captain, but this is an attempt to explain to the members what we are doing in Lake Huron Lore...the Captain made marine history...we find him on board the R.L.FRYER, paid \$22 for a trip to the upper lakes and return as wheelsman. When he was 65 he turned to shore....but he did not look for a rocking chair...he started to tour the lakes with a slide show that would inspire people like us to preserve lake history.

Commander Cooper says that the Captain was either the first or the second speaker at a program of Lake Huron Lore. His great love of the lakes was always evident.....he made a trip up the river each summer after his second retirement as curator of the Great Lakes Historical Society Museum at Vermilion, Ohio, always preaching his same gospel.....preserve the Maritime History of the Great Lakes.

On his last several trips your editor had the rare privilege of escorting him through the river district, to visit all the old shipyard sites along the St. Clair River....look into canals where the commerce of the lakes was stored for the winter before we tried to keep them open twelve months a year. We always ended up at the Museum of Arts and History in Port Huron. It was enjoyable....all be it was like a trip of the inspector general.....with a list of things that should be accomplished before the next inspection.

One thing that the Captain always emphasized..."there are a million stories to be written about the lakes....we should provide the correct information and guidance for the writers and students to come. What is needed are research libraries." Your editor promised the Captain that he would do what he could.

About a year ago, your editor contacted the Captain's son, Robert Inches, and told Robert the story. The results to date is that Lake Huron Lore now has reproductions and negatives of the wooden ships of the Inches Collection. These were the ships that were closely connected with this section of the country.

The marine news of the era from local papers has been transcribed by Fr. Peter VanderLinden and your editor and this is being indexed and tied to the photographs by another volunteer from the membership. More about this later.

We expect to be able to publish an index of what is available for students and writers from the picture collection in the near future. A price schedule will be included.This has been done by an advance for film and printing costs by a member of Lake Huron Lore....and when the collection is free of debt it will be presented to the Museum of Arts and History to be a part of the permanent collection. For the present it is to be called the "Captain H. Chesley Inches Memorial Collection of Wooden Ships". It is anticipated that we will have the son of the man who made this fabulous collection possible at a meeting of Lake Huron Lore in the near future so that we can thank him personally for his generosity.