

DINNER MEETING:

Saturday, Nov. 6.

MUSEUM: Social Hour 5:30

Dinner at 6:30 p. m.

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# THE LIGHTSHIP



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## DINNER WITH THE COMMANDER November 6th Museum of Arts and History in Exhibit Gallery

LEE COOPER BROUGHT MARINE GROUP INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH ARTISTS AND HISTORIANS TO FORM THE MUSEUM

The regular November meeting of Lake Huron Lore will be "DINNER WITH THE COMMANDER" in the exhibition hall of the Museum of Arts and History at 6:30 p. m. on November 6th. A social hour, beginning at 5:30 p. m. with an early cup of coffee or a glass of wine will open the pre-dinner program.

At 6:30 p. m. a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings will be served by the museum guild. This organization, under the able direction of its president, Sarah Larson, is a hard working group that works at projects that keep our museum and the home of Lake Huron Lore financially possible (see related story on page 2)

Due to the physical plant at the museum we must limit the number to whom dinner can be served to 80. Dorothy Wallin has the job of handling the tickets. They may be obtained from her at \$8.00 per person. The limiting of tickets make a few ground rules necessary. Tickets will be available on a first come first served basis for MEMBERS thru Oct. 30. If there are any others who desire tickets, their names will be placed in the order received. Refunds will be made if we cannot furnish you with a ticket.

We know that the commander has a large circle of friends in and out of Lake Huron Lore and even though you cannot secure a dinner ticket we want you to come to the program. At approximately eight o'clock the dinner tables will be cleared and the hall set up for the regular meeting.

William (Bill) Patterson, a charter member of Lake Huron Lore, will have charge of the program "IN THE BEGINNING, . . . ." What it will be your editor has not the slightest idea. . . . but I can assure you that it is something that "Coop's" friends will not want to miss. Come early that evening. . . . see the progress beginning to take form in the pilot house and get re-acquainted with your marine collection. If you have not browsed in the history gallery of late. . . . you will be surprised and delighted to see the re-arrangement of history into periods that Director Steve Williams and his crew have done there. You might, during the evening, persuade Mabel Cooper to jump up on that stool and take over the old Times-Herald switchboard. . . demonstrating how the East trunk to Buffalo and the Western trunk to Chicago. . . and the thumb and river district correspondents were handling their news over half a century ago. In the corner. . . a fire engine buff will show you how the horses got their directions to alarm boxes in Port Huron. . . . or where the new "International Limited" will go underground shortly when the replacement for the "Maple Leaf" becomes a reality!

STATEMENTS FOR 1983 DUES ARE ENCLOSED WITH THIS ISSUE OF "LIGHTSHIP" THE TREASURER HAS REMOVED STATEMENTS WHEN THE DUES ARE PAID. HOWEVER YOU MAY GET A STATEMENT. DO NOT BE CONCERNED AS THERE IS A LAG IN TIME HERE.

OUR HOME COULD USE SOME FINANCIAL HELP. . . . .

With the washout of the two money raising functions of our home base this year and the state cut and city cut in appropriations and the entire federal program dumped there seem to be more than somewhat of trouble ahead in 1983!

In the near future it is hoped that LAKE HURON LORE can come up with some sort of plan to render assistance during the year ahead.

If you have an original idea let us hear from you!

Most of these plans take the contribution of a little time and effort. . . . I am sure that there are members who think enough of the organization to contribute that!!!!

---Editor

#### LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS ASSOCIATION ENJOY FORT GRATIOT

Darla Van Hoey, one of the organizers of the Lake Huron Chapter of the Lighthouse Keepers Association, reports a good attendance at the all day seminar held on Saturday, 16 October, with headquarters in the Museum of Arts and History. Luncheon and dinner were served in the museum by the Museum Guild. The members enjoyed a tour of the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse, the station attached and the Lightship HURON during the day.

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#### LAKE HURON LORE MEMBER PARTICIPATES IN REMOVAL OF LAMP FROM SPECTACLE REEF LIGHT HOUSE.

The giant light from Spectacle Reef Light in upper Lake Huron was removed for preservation and display by the Great Lakes Historical Society of Vermilion, Ohio. Mike Van Hoey, who restored the St. Clair Flats Lower Light on display in the Lee M. Cooper Gallery was part of a team of three that effected the removal. The other members were Tom Meakin and Bill Woodward of the Great Lakes Historical Society. The removal was financed in part by the \$1,000 gift of Robert Inches in memory of his father, the late Capt. H. C. Inches, a Port Huron native, who was curator of the Great Lakes Historical Society Museum, Vermilion, O. following a long career on the Great Lakes. It will be remembered that Mr. Inches presented the museum with a collection of the late captain's artifacts which are in the Cooper gallery. It was noted at a recent meeting of the Great Lakes Historical Society that Capt. Inches would have been 100 years old in October.

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#### RESTORATION OF SANDUSKY, O. FERRY BOAT PROGRESSES

Your editor had the opportunity to inspect the double end ferry boat G. A. BOECKLING in Sandusky, Ohio recently. She was purchased by an enthusiastic group of people in that Ohio city and the restoration is coming along satisfactorily. Much of her wood had really been well preserved in spite of the fact that Peterson Shipyards of Sturgeon Bay, Wis. had used her for a warehouse. Her pilohouses have been restored by the carpenter class of the Vermilion High School, using the original plans. . . . using wood and not vinyl siding. . . it is hoped that that type of restoration will continue and she will come out looking like the restoration of SEGWIN on Muskoka Lake. If in the neighborhood stop by and look!

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#### PILOT HOUSE PROGRESSES

Construction of the pilot house in the museum is progressing. The walls are up and have had their first coat of varnish and she is going to be a thing of beauty. Last week we got the floor down and Ed Peterson has the electrical boxes all in and hooked up. We will not have it complete by any means but expect to have the major equipment in place before the DINNER WITH THE COMMANDER on Nov. 6.

CHANGE OF COMMAND  
AT BOARD MEETING OF  
EIGHTEENTH OF SEPTEMBER

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Lake Huron Lore Marine Society, Inc., was held in the office of the Director of the Museum of Arts and History at approximately 10:00 p. m. on 18 September. The following members of the board were present: Vice-President Ellsworth Lindsay; Secretary Katherine Richardson; Treasurer Edith Hoyer; Co-ordinating director Frank Crevier and trustees, William Luke, Capt. Ted Richardson, Walter Smith and Jean Tabor. Absent: Corporation President, Lee M. Cooper.

The co-ordinating director conveyed the wishes of President Lee M. Cooper to the board that he be relieved of the presidency of the corporation. The board with regrets, accepted the wishes of President Cooper, however the title of Commander of Lake Huron Lore and Admiral of the River is to remain in effect. This is done for two reasons, first the document states that the position is for life and the other is that we do not place ourselves in the position of having to create another Honorary Member which the Constitution and By-laws state are not required to pay dues.

Vice-president Lindsay, presiding, declined the office of permanent president and appointed Walter M. Smith to the office of president.

President Smith took office and appointed Robert Lester to the vacant office of trustee.

The new officers of Lake Huron Lore Marine Society, Inc., are: President Walter M. Smith; vice-president Ellsworth Lindsay; secretary Katherine Richardson; treasurer

Edith Hoyer; co-ordinating director, Frank Crevier; trustees Robert Lester, William Luke, Capt. Ted Richardson and Jean Tabor.

Immediately preceding the January program meeting, the annual meeting of the corporation will be held at which all paid up members are entitled to vote for members of the board of trustees and such business that may legally come before the board. The names of the members whose terms are expiring will appear in the next "LIGHTSHIP".

CAPT. TED RICHARDSON IS "MASTER?" OF LATEST LAKE HURON LORE FLEET ADDITION... "THE PRAIRIE SCHOONER"

Capt. Ted has had the "thing" for a while now, but it has become home since he retired from the miles and miles on the St. Clair River on first the venerable old steamer PERE MARQUETTE 10 and then as master of the tug and barge arrangement she is today. But, enough of that, let us get to his latest command, the schooner. Things seem to be slightly out of place at first glance... with running lights in the great cabin!... but the rest is not all bad. It is blue and white, it has an inclinometer on the aft side of the great cabin forward bulkhead and the aft bulkhead is equipped with a Life Service clock not running. I believe there is a calendar. . . If I am not mistaken I believe that there is a gimbeled lamp. On the stern, fan tail if you will, are the paintings of two beautiful tom cats. Ted has a story about them.

It begins to look like we were going to have a roving ambassador for Lake Huron Lore. . . for the minute he arrives home, he is plotting courses for the next voyage.

The writer asked Ted about the sails? . . . and he replied, "recall a gusty, rainy night after you are at anchor, and all is safely bedded down, including yourself? You then hear some bit of gear come loose on deck. . . you wonder if the wind is blowing enough to slip the anchor, . . . and if that wind is blowing enough to put out the kerosene riding light? . . . on this schooner you turn over and go back to sleep!"

Happy voyages, Ted, and many of them.

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BUSINESS OFFICE

Effective immediately the new mail address for Lake Huron Lore will be 1115 6th Street, Port Huron, Mich., 48060. This is the Museum of Arts and History. We have a mail box in the museum office and if you wish to drop off communications of any sort please put them in a box or envelope and mark them plainly "LAKE HURON LORE". The reason for this is that the volunteer staff on the desk of necessity rotates quite frequently and may not be acquainted with all the members of Lake Huron Lore. It is requested that your communication be mailed or written as verbal communications have a tendency to wander and get lost!

## Whistle Division Plays at Two Concerts in 1982 Bigger and Better Plans Coming for Next Season

POSSIBILITY THAT THREE WHISTLE BLOWS CAN BE ARRANGED IN THE LAKE REGION AS OLD STEAM WHISTLES BECOME MORE AND MORE COLLECTORS ITEMS AND BLOWING THEM IS FUN!!!

Not since Queen Victoria's time has there been anything like it! Plans are being made for a gigantic whistle blow at Collingwood next spring on her birthday to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Collingwood Shipyard. More about this as the date nears. Below are this years practice runs at Cleveland and St. Clair.

Neil Bauman, Sandusky, O. who has just spent days cleaning up the SYDNEY C. McLOUTH whistle looks apprehensively at Walter Smith with hammer and Mike VanHoey with wrench at Cleveland. Lake Huron Lore was well represented for the whistle blow, along with Great Lakes Historical Society. To the left is the manifold set up



Edith Hoyer did not get an opportunity to have hers entered. Perhaps she is saving it for the Queen's birthday. At Tashmoo Whistle blow on Labor Day, Gareth McNab and Walter Smith adjust SIDNEY SMITH whistle that Mike Van Hoey spent long hours cleaning up. At right is Tom Meakin, Cleveland, chief engineer of the whistle division of Great Lakes Historical Society.

for the large whistles at the Cleveland Whistle Blow held on June 25, 26 & 27, 1982. The Whistle Division of Lake Huron Lore was represented at the Cleveland affair by Walter Smith, Capt. Ted Richardson, Neil Bauman, Mike Van Hoey, Gene Buel and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tabor, Gareth McNabb. If there are others I did not get any report on them. We are sorry that

