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# THE LIGHTSHIP

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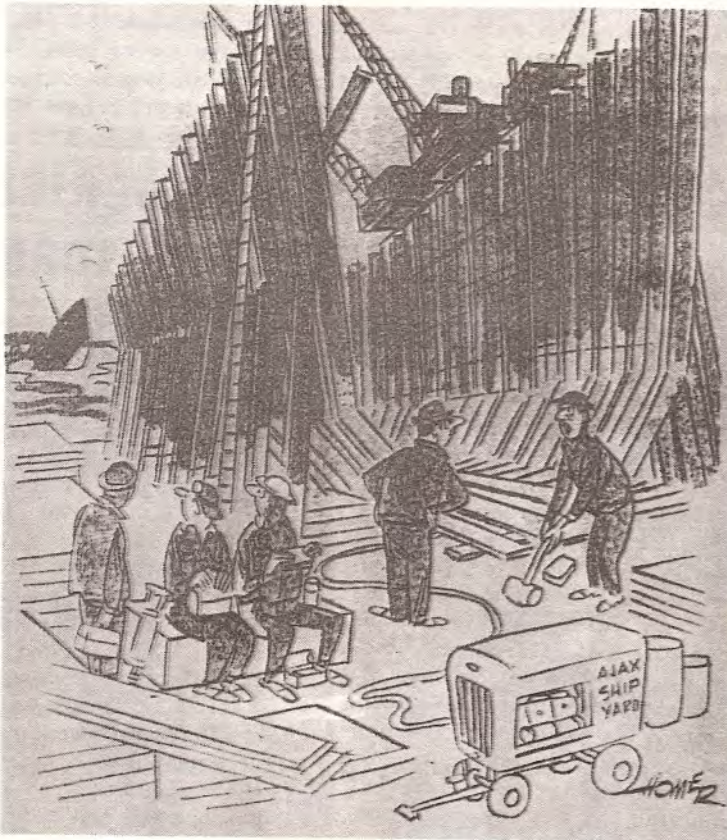
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## Launch At Collingwood April Eighteen



*"I thought you said launch time."*

DRAWING COURTESY OF G. L. S. F. T. P. O. S. S. L MEMBER M. MACK EARLE, CONSULTING NAVAL ARCHITECT, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

## THE EDITOR'S POINT OF VIEW:

We do not favor the development of the Blue Water Park at the Rapids to be turned into private housing. When the late Hon. Edward T. Kane and others, including Ellsworth Lindsay, the only one of the founding fathers to still hold office, formed the corporation, one of its purposes was to preserve historical marine artifacts. We spoke out because we believe as the article states..... and what is also significant I believe, we have grown in the past six years in interested members from approximately 50 to over 200.... we have also outgrown our nest... we have built a pilot house and library with a value of \$50,000 entirely with the voluntary contributions of our members and friends. With the exception of Duluth, this is the only turn of the century pilot house, built of actual materials from shipboard on the Great Lakes. We have artifacts that are stored in member's garages because of lack of space. The artifacts that we have on display are not adequately documented for public presentation... we have no shop area for repairs... and in the transition that we see on the Great Lakes from the predominance of commercial shipping to development of a recreational playground... looking down river... St. Clair with a full boat harbor... Marine City with its... Nautical Mile and the announcement this week of a \$10,000,000 water oriented recreational harbor development... whether we agree with it or not... IT IS HERE and TIME TO ACT !!! --F.R. Crevier, co-ordinating Director and Editor P. S. --Our friend Bernie Lyons must have taken a peek down the river, before writing his recent editorial on tourism. Our Canadian friends sure have a big jump on us.

### LAKE HURON LORE BOARD MEMBER HAS A BRAND NEW DAUGHTER

We believe that we have another first! A daughter Jennifer Frances Lester, was born to Robert and Jackie Lester, on 13 December, 1984, in River district Hospital. Bob is the first board member to have a daughter born while in office.

### STMR. HARVEY J. KENDALL IS IN PORT HURON FOR WINTER LAYUP

Be sure to visit the marine exhibit in the Lee M. Cooper Marine Gallery during the winter months.

The wooden lumber hooker, that hailed from Marysville... and was owned by the father of long time Lake Huron Lore member, the late Frances Kendall McKay, of Marysville, is tied up for the winter months only. She will set sail for her permanent home in the Marysville Museum.

Harry Carle, shipbuilder extraordinary, has just completed her and she will be on display until the Marysville Museum re-opens in the spring. The excellent collection of local ship models in our museum is due, in a large part to the untiring efforts of Harry Carle.

## NEW SERIES OF HISTORIC SHIPS

Enclosed in this issue of "LIGHTSHIP" will be found a supplement. It is an article on the life and times of a ship with emphasis on local interest.

Mr. Paul Schmitt, Lake Huron Lore member and on the faculty staff of St. Clair County Community College, and your editor felt that a series of articles of this nature would be appreciated by the members of the society. They will be on an 8 1/2"x11" sheet that can be punched for a three ring binder, or placed in spline back report folder. The inclusion of this series will not reflect any increase in dues, as the paper is being donated and the reproduction is for the present being assisted by the Museum of Arts and History.

We hope that you will enjoy them, and Mr. Schmitt and your editor would appreciate any comments.

We Still have a few D & C Officer's buttons. Get them at the desk at next meeting!!!!!!

## Historic Huron Lights Guides To Commerce Subject of Program

LAKE HURON LORE MEMBERS,  
MIKE & DARLA VAN HOEY WILL  
REPRESENT THE LIGHTHOUSEKEEPERS

The Thumb of Michigan and the west shore of Lake Huron has some of the most historic lights on the Great Lakes. Mike and Darla VanHoey, who are the recognized experts around the lakes on the construction, history, of Great Lakes lighthouses will present a program on these lights at the first meeting of 1985 on Jan. 12 in the main gallery of the Museum of Arts and History for the members and friends of the members of Lake Huron Lore.

These lights were extremely important to the fragile little steamers with their.. bird cage pilot houses and deck houses... evidence of which can be found in the early newspaper ads in Port Huron... where the local shipyards advertised pre-fabricated pilot houses and deck houses to be installed and bolted on in a matter of hours, along with a large stock of masts, and yards and booms.

Saginaw Bay was the bad spot on the west shore of lake Huron. The light at Pointe aux Barques was the welcome sight to the down bound ships after taking a beating on the bay for several hours or all night.

But we will let them tell the story of the lights... the keepers and their families.

## dues are due !

WHAT, SO SOON?

There Has been NO increase in 1985 DUES... we will absorb Ronnie's no tax increase as long as possible, but please send check to the Treasurer: EDITH HOYER, 6533 S. Riverside Rd., Marine City, Mi 48039. A statement is enclosed. \$9 family, \$6 single. Save a lot of trouble every year \$150 for a life membership. Best way to beat inflation.

## HISTORIC CANNON TO BE PRESENTED AT NEXT MEETING

FROM THE LAST STEAMER OF THE  
PORT HURON SULPHITE PAPER CO.

Did you know that at one time many of the ships on the Great Lakes were armed with cannon? This was not a war time measure but part of a life-saving system.

To really find out all about this anda cannon that was at one time carried on the W. J. CROSBY, be at the entertainment meeting of Lake Huron Lore on Saturday evening January 12, in the Museum of Arts and History, 1115 6th St., at seven-thirty o'clock.

Gareth McNabb, N., U. S. Power Squadron, and Wilson Montgomery will tell all about the cannon. Wilson had the cannon in his front yard for many years headed toward Canada... but having decided that it would not be needed in the near future for the defense of his front yard... he is presenting it to the museum... a relic of the days of steamboat ownership in Port Huron. It was a part of a fleet that carried pulpwood to the Port Huron Paper Co. (commonly called in those days "the Sulphite").

Montgomery comes from a long line of lake seafarers. His grandfather and one great uncle were members of I. S. M. A. Lodge #2, Port Huron, and two other brothers were members of Lodge #1 in Buffalo, N. Y., all at the same time.

The rest of the story they will tell.

OTIS G. PRINGLE

The most elderly member of Lake Huron Lore passed away this week, Otis Pringle was 94 years of age. He attended meetings regularly when the front steps became too much for him to manage. It would be great to get some progress going again for an elevator for our building so more of our elderly members could be with us occasionally.

# Paterson Ship Scheduled Launch For April 18th.

The word has been received from Collingwood that there will be a launch of a motor vessel for the Paterson family of the Lakehead, now known as Thunder Bay.

The Great Lakes Society for the Preservation of Side Ship Launching is doing its bit to keep the tradition alive.

Heard a rumor of sorts that Bay Shipbuilding in Sturgeon Bay, Wis. was building something for Alaskan Service. This perhaps could be a side launch unless they have forgotten how to do it.

This could be an interesting trip, if the steamboat service holds out, Ludington to Kewaunee by ship and then drive on up to the Bay, and witness a side launch.

For additional convenience a radio and TV receiving system, providing excellent reception, is installed in every living space. Accommodation

Canada Steamship Lines and Collingwood Shipyards have made every effort to ensure that the officers and crew are housed in the most up to date accommodations, requiring a minimum of upkeep and tastefully decorated and furnished by Trott's of Collingwood.

## Galley

The entire accommodation is located in 5 tiers aft, totally heated and air conditioned as the ambient temperature demands, built to the highest standards of fire protection in the world and includes spacious and comfortable recreation rooms with TV and games both for officers and crew.

The accommodation contains individual cabins for 25, not including the two owners suites, the cadets cabin, the spares cabin, and three cabins available for the tunnelmen should the vessel be converted to a self unloader. The crew are berthed on the spar deck with two persons sharing toilet facilities. The poop deck contains the self serve cafeteria and galley, the officers and crew's mess rooms, a private dining saloon, and cabins for the cooks and electrician.

The lower Promenade Deck contains the engineering officers and the remainder of the crew, whilst the Upper Promenade deck is arranged to berth the deck officers, owners suites, officer's lounge and TV room.

The Chief Engineer's and Captain's suites comprising a day room, bedroom, office, and bathroom, are located on the upper promenade deck and bridge decks respectively.

As the vessel has the capability of making voyages to the Caribbean, additional space has been arranged for a hospital, complete with a medical locker, additional store rooms and a bonded locker.

The wheel house on the navigating bridge deck completes the accommodations block.

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## M/V PRAIRIE HARVEST

(cont'd from September)

phone system, sound powered telephones, PA system, walkie-talkie radios. These systems permit the crew to communicate to the wheel house or engine room from any part of the vessel.