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## BALDOON SETTLEMENT...The Scotch Amongst Us!

### Michigan 150 Yrs..

This is a continuing column from the issue of last November. Any new members who would like the beginning column please write or call the Editor and you will receive the first installment:

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Tues., Aug. 3.. The steam yacht building at the shipyard of John Sauders on the Clinton River is to be launched on the 21st of this month.

Wed., Aug. 13.. Mr. Hardison has actively begun on a new ship above the 7th St. Bridge, is getting out timber, and getting his tools and appliances together as fast as possible.

Fri., Aug. 15.. Messers. Thomas Dunford and Frank Leighton have formed a co-partnership in the shipbuilding business and propose to operate at the yard where Mr. Dunford has been so long in business. The first job they will undertake is the building of a fine large tug for Mr. George E. Brockway. They are busily engaged in getting out timber now.

Cleveland, Aug. 14.. Last night the lumber barge J. D. MORTON went to pieces in a rough Lake Erie. Two are missing.

Mon. Aug. 18.. The new schooner called the CHESTER B. JONES was launched at Saginaw on Thursday last. She is a three and aft rigged craft. The new tug by Leighton and Dunford will be 132 oa., 100' on the keel and 23' beam. They plan to get her boilers and engine at Cleveland.

The many people in the river district on both sides are of Scottish ancestry. They have spread far and wide from the Colony of Baldoon, situated in Ontario on the northeast corner of Lake St. Clair in 1804. That year 102 inhabitants set out from Scotland to make a home in the new world. This was under the sponsorship of the Earl of Selkirk. From this group they spread out over Ontario, Michigan and on west. The colony itself only lasted from 1804 until 1818, when Selkirk lost interest and moved on to western Canada, in the Red River Valley.

On Saturday evening, Jan. 31, in the main gallery of the Museum of Arts and History, 1115 6th Street, Port Huron, three extremely qualified historians will present the picture of the "Baldoon" Settlement.

They are Frank Mann, Wallaceburg, who you will remember took us from Port Huron to Wallaceburg aboard the famous Omar D. Conger. Frank along with his son Alan have written several books on the history of events along the St. Clair River system. Alan Mann recently updated "The Baldoon Mystery" originally written by Neil T. McDonald of Marine City. They will be accompanied by Blake Mann, the third generation of the family to carry on the tradition of historical collector.

Make your reservation early on the form and announcement enclosed with LIGHTSHIP. Alan will have some copies of the book with him. It was published for the benefit of the Wallaceburg Museum, who are to be congratulated for having recently moved into a new home.

## BRIGHT SPOTS ON THE HORIZON



There are some bright spots on the horizon for Lake Huron Lore! By the time that you will read this, making the assumption that you will, your Editor will have completed almost nine years of his six year term on the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Arts and History. There have been high spots, and there have been low spots in the history of our home as is true with any family. There have been times when the motion to pay bills was made that the qualifying phrase was added to "the extent of the funds in the treasury!" Lake Huron Lore has grown along with the widening of the base of the museum in general. In the few brief days of 1987 our LIFE MEMBERSHIP has almost doubled. A once flourishing spin-off of your Society, "The Great Lakes Society for the Preservation of Side Ship Launching" which has been in a sad state since the demise of Collingwood Shipyard has prospects of revival. Our Naval Architect and Marine Engineer in Residence (in Florida) has furnished us with a clue of an occasional side launch in Sturgeon Bay, Wi. This is being pursued and it is expected that perhaps some report can be made by the time of the meeting on Jan. 31.

The next item is the possible return of the only "Great Lakes Live Steam Whistle Blast" which has been made possible by furnishing the active ingredient, by the Detroit Edison Marysville Power Plant. The Whistle Division, I understand, will provide for the blasting of steam whistles only. We sincerely hope that this event will be possible this year.

Looking further down the road in 1987 we hope to be able to make the announcement of the plans to publish the pictures of "PESHA". This photographer was born in Canada and died in Canada at a relatively young age...the victim of an early auto accident in 1912. His world was North Americana...travel and transportation were his forte, although he did operate a photo studio in Anniston first and later in Marine City...a great number of his ships were taken from the riverside of his studio toward the Canadian shore showing the Sombra Catholic Church...he did not confine his art to ships...trains and their stations were another of his passions...along with public buildings, churches, factories, public parks and other physical features that many of the early towns were blessed with, a water power source in a falls and a power mill. More later on the subject.

### "GIVE A LIFT"

Our 1904 home is not barrier free for handicapped persons! The state code calls for this in public buildings. Many grants in aid are based on having a barrier free building. The Board of Trustees have been working on this problem for some time and until very recently it has seemed as far away as the Gobi desert. However the recent city administration has seen fit to start some relief of the problem. A gift from a presently unnamed donor has lent a great deal of realism to the project. The Board of Trustees is expected to come up with plans for a drive to provide the balance of needed funds. We will be the proud possessors of among other things, an elevator for the building that will provide access from ground level. We want to make this an every member a contributor affair in Lake Huron Lore. Each member will be contacted personally. Please give this some thought...and look forward to those who for some time you have not seen at Lake Huron Lore gatherings.... BECAUSE THEY WERE UNABLE TO GET INTO OUR MUSEUM!!!

**MAKE BALDOON RESERVATIONS NOW!**

LAKE HURON LORE MEMBER  
HOSPITALIZED AT GODERICH

Word has been received that long time member of Lake Huron Lore, Ron Pennington has been hospitalized in his home town of Goderich. He is in Alexander Marine & General Hospital, Goderich, Ont., Canada N7A 1W5 and I am sure he would appreciate hearing from members and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Pennington and Viola Bell, have set some record for miles traveled to attend lake Huron Lore meetings over the years.

LARRY COPLIN SENDS HIS BEST  
WISHES TO LAKE HURON LORE  
FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

One of the early recreational divers on the Great Lakes, who along with his friend and companion John Steele, were the principal contributors of artifacts to our marine collection and regularly furnished a program each spring time, wants to advise the membership that he is alive and well.

Larry was forced to give up diving some time ago in order to make a living, such

a mundane thing. However he said that he had been doing a little diving and a little picture shooting. He is going to try to get it all together in 1988. Larry, we sure think that Lake Huron Lore would be an excellent test ground. You are always more than welcome.

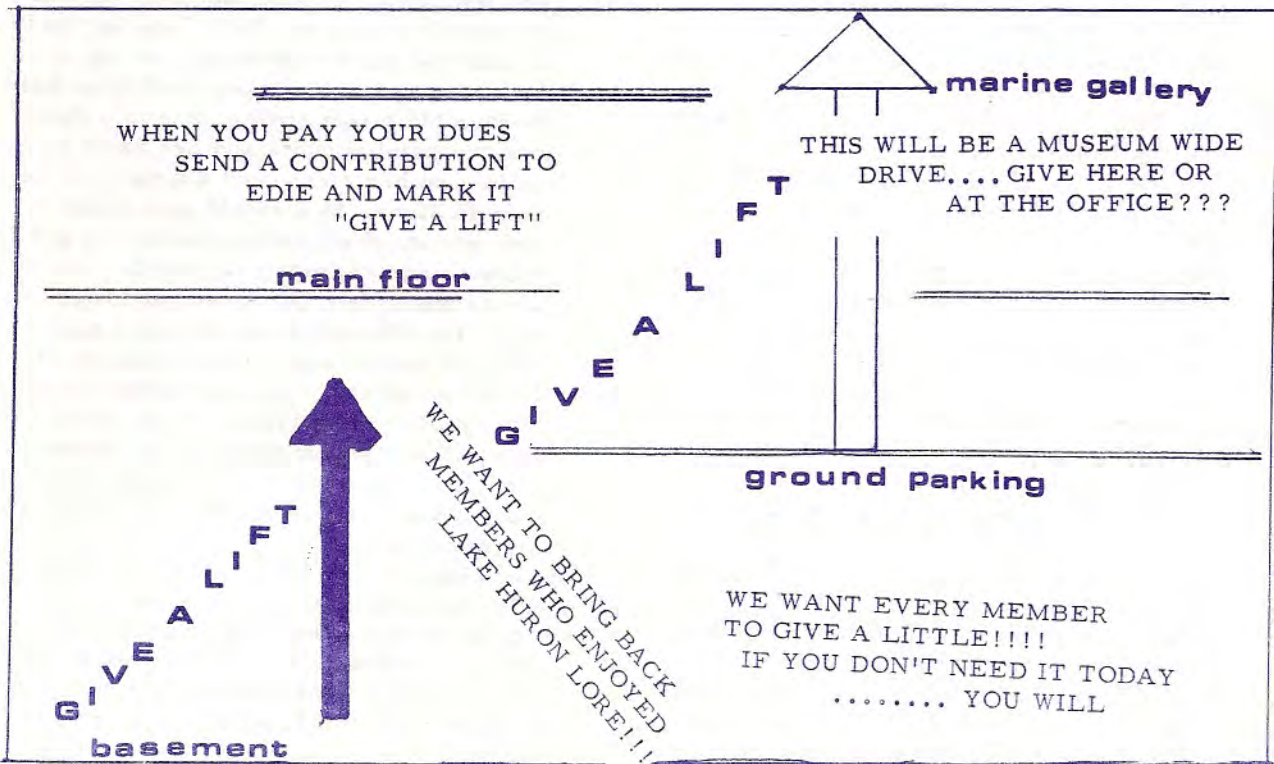
MIKE VAN HOEY TELLS HOW TO  
REMOVE A LIGHTHOUSE LENS  
AT ALGONQUIN CLUB IN WINDSOR

Mike was the speaker at the Algonquin Club in Windsor last week. Four of Lake Huron Lore members attended to cheer him on. They were Capt. Ted Richardson, Walt Smith, Bob Foster and your editor. It is sure great aerial work if you like it up in the air and a very breezy place at times.

Mike was journeying to Cleveland to address the Society of Military Engineers on the same subject. We plan to have him here later in the year.

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MICHIGAN . . . . . 150 YEARS

Wed., Aug. 20.. The new shipyard accessible by way of River Street is on Black River, and the land is owned by J. P. Haynes. Three canallers (Welland) three and aft rig are to be built. They will be 146' oa., 139' keel, 26' beam and 11'6" depth of hold, to be ready in early spring.

Wed., Aug. 27.. The keel of Mr. Brockway's tug is being laid today.

Thurs. Aug 28.. The schooner MARION EGAN of Chicago struck on Cove Island, Georgian Bay and was abandoned. The schooner JOHNSON and the tug BOB ANDERSON of Coast wrecking Service are on the way to visit the wreck.

Fri., Aug. 29.. The wreck of the METEOR at Detroit has been raised. The cost is \$8-000.

Sat. Aug. 30.. The barge SAGINAW has been repaired and has left the Fitzgerald Yard.

Tues. Sept. 2.. Leighton & Dunford will put a new centre-board in the T. S. SKINNER. The scow ARK will also have a centre board put in.

Fri. Sept. 5.. The little steamer EMMA DWYER is waiting at the lower drydock for her machinery. She is to run from Mt. Clemens to Detroit.

Sat. Sept. 6.. The keel for Mr. Brockway's new tug has been laid.

Fri. Sept. 12.. No less than five vessels are in process of construction at Marine City.

Mon. Sept. 15.. Mr. Hardison is getting up frames of the two schooners he is building.

Tues. Sep. 16.. The frames of Brockway's tug, now being built at Leighton & Dunford yard, are all up. She is built on what is known as the "concave bottom" principle, and when done will be a beauty.

Mon. Sep. 22.. The frames of the new tug now being built by Smith & Livingstone at the Dry Dock Company's yard in this city, are now being put up.

Tue. Sep. 23.. The new schooner WAWANOSH built during the past summer at Sarnia, Ontario, is almost ready to be launched. She is painted black with the name on the stern in white letters. Her "sonor-

ous" name is Indian. Chippewa, and was originally the name of the father of the present chief of the tribe that inhabits the reservation south of Sarnia. She has her spars up and will be launched with her canvas on.

Wed. Sep. 24.. The new three master WAWANOSH did not launch at the appointed time, nor is it likely that she will go off for some time to come. The ways under her did not have enough pitch and she is stuck!

Thurs. Sep. 25.. The scow built by Mr. Curtis at Fort Gratiot during the past summer was launched Tuesday. She is called WAUBONSIE and is to be used for carrying sand and gravel.

Fri. Sept. 26.. The WAWANOSH has at last been launched and is lying at one of the Sarnia wharfs. She has a bad "list to port".

Tues, Oct. 7.. The three masted schooner QUEEN CITY was launched at Saginaw last week. She rates 700 tons and was built for John Kelderhouse of Buffalo.

Wed. Oct. 8.. The PULASKI, the new vessel built by Mr. Archibald Muir at his yard on the Black River, was successfully launched Tuesday afternoon. She is of the class of vessels called the "full Canaller" and is almost the exact counterpart of the size and build as the schooner AMERICA built by Mr. Muir last spring. She is a three master painted white and her name is put plainly on her stern and quarter and her private signal is a red M on a white ground bordered with blue. Canallers are famous from being symmetrical vessels, but as far as one of her class can get toward beauty, the PULASKI will take her place. Her full suit of sails were made by Mr. D Robeson, of this city, a gentlemen who has excellent reputation on the lakes for fit and quality of his work. It is understood that other work will be set going at Muir's yard as soon as the PULASKI is out of the way.

Mon. Oct. 13.. At Fitzgerald's yard they will soon set up the frames of a large schooner about the size and grain capacity of the EMMA C. HUTCHINSON recently built at that yard (52,000 bu.) She is to be built for Joseph Nicholson.