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MEMBERSHIP LIST

At the February meeting it was suggested that a new list of members, with their addresses, be published. Only those whose dues for 1953 have been received as we go to press are listed.

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Dennis Kovach " " " "
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Li 3-5305.
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Other names will be added as dues come in.

THE GUILD

Donations of books on the nautical scene have made it possible for us to set up a small library for the use of the members. Most of the volumes, at present are fiction but all of them are good. Here are some of the titles:

- Where Angels Fear to Tread, Morgan Robertson.
- Masters of Men.
- Down to the Sea.
- The Grain Ship.
- The Wreck of the Titan.
- Sinful Peck.
- Three Laws and the Golden Rule.
- Over the Border.
- Fragments from France.....Bruce Bairnsfather.
- Spin a Yarn Sailor.....Captain Dingle.
- Salt Water Taffy.....June Triplett
- Mostly Canallers.....Walter Edmunds.
- Rome Haul. " "
- From Forecastle to Cabin.....Capt. S. Samuels.
- Paul Jones, Father of the
American Navy (2 Vol)Augustus C. Biell.
- Chasing the Bowhead.....Capt. H.H. Bodfish.
- Sea Power in Relation to the
War of 1812 (2 Vols)Capt. A. T. Mahan.
- Roll and Go. (Chanties).....Joanna C. Colcord.
- Johny Courteau.....W. H. Drummond
- The Habitant & other poems "

Do you have any nautical books which you would like to add to the collection, either technical or fictional?
Lists from dealers in nautical books may be consulted.

GUILD OFFICERS

- Président, Robert L. Ruhl. Vice Pres. Robt. H. Davison.
- Secretary-Treasurer, Edgar Hopusch.
- Chairman of the Executive Board, Joseph E. Johnston.

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WANTED...A DRAMATIST

New England has its Joseph Lincoln; the Mississippi, its Mark Twain; the Southwest, its Zane Grey and Helen Hunt Jackson; Alaska, its Rex Beach and Jack London. Their pens painted scenes and created characters that will remain a part of our American heritage, but where is the writer who has done justice to the men of the Great Lakes and the ships they conceived, built, and sailed?

Perhaps they are with us today, but lack a knowledge of those ships sufficient unto their needs. Let us hope they come upon the Nautical Exhibit now at the Detroit Historical Museum, for there they will find the stage for their characters, complete in every detail, done to the last rope, block, and belaying pin.

Members of the Guild, whose work is on display there may have built better than they know, and in doing so may have supplied just what is needed to spark a whole new literature, and one sorely needed to complete the story of our country.

If you know a potential novelist, invite him to see these model ships. We have something to offer them, and a real good book on the Lakes can do us a lot of good. Dana Bowen is doing a good job with facts, but we also need a fiction writer in this field, or better still, a historical novelist. Meanwhile let us build more and still better ships.

RECENT ARRIVAL

The three-mast schooner, "Lucia Simpson", from Dunallen, New Jersey; Dr. O. H. Siegmund, builder. Here is a real fine piece of work and one that shows one more type of Great Lakes vessel that will help tell the story of commercial shipping on these waters. The model was flown in a case especially designed for the transportation of such fragile objects, and she came through without damage.

REPORTED ENROUTE

The "John G. Munson", self-unloader, started by Kenneth Fairbanks, and the "Onoko, first iron bulk carrier, undertaken by the Kovachs. When finished the continuity of 17 Lakes Ships (1679-1953) will be complete.

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MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

7:45 P.M. February 27, 1953, meeting called to order in the Briefing Room of the Detroit Historical Museum by Pres. Robt. L. Ruhl. Capt. Johnston rendered an account of the funds derived from the last model contest for the period of September 26, 1952 to Feb. 27, 1953:

Funds on hand Sept. 27, 1952.....	\$133.00.
Paid on mimeograph	\$11.00
Gift to Miss Mary Georgilas as a token of appreciation for services rendered.	12.00
Postage, Nov-Dec.....	5.00
" January.....	1.00
Cut for stationery.....	10.53
1000 envelopes, printed.....	13.50
1000 letter heads, printed.....	9.50
tax.....	.69
Engraving 1952 trophy plaque.....	12.18
Balance on hand Feb. 27, 1953	<u>\$75.40</u> \$57.77

Vouchers covering the above were presented and all transactions approved by unanimous vote.

In the sence of the Secretary-Treasurer, no report on membership was available.

The matter of replacing Vice Pres. Priestley was taken u and after debate it was suggested that Mr. R. H. Davison be elevated to that office, so he could work on promotion with Capt. Johnston. Edgar Hopusch was chosen to fill the office of Secretary-Treasurer, and accepted. There being no other nominations, Mr. Hopusch was declared elected Sec.-Treasurer.

Mr. Robert Cords announced that his mother, Mrs. M. Cords had volunteered to make up the flag recently adopted by the Guild. Capt. Johnston stated that he would see that the necessary material for the flag were made available.

Mr. John F. Miller suggested that the Guild show the film on Gloucester shipbuilding. The suggestion was approved, provided a projector could be obtained.

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Capt. Johnston asked for a schedule of prices for the Guild Stationery for use by Guild members. It was decided that 30¢ be charged for 10 letter heads and 10 envelopes, which would just about cover the cost with a few cents left to cover loss or damage in handling. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M. and the members toured the museum until closing time, with most of the time being spent in the Nautical Exhibit which is jointly sponsored by the Museum of Great Lakes History and the Guild.

DUES ARE DUE, OTHERS HAVE PAID AND I HAVE TOO. HAVE YOU?

THE MARCH MEETING

March 27, 8:00 p.m. Briefing Room, Detroit Historical Museum, Woodward at Kirby, Bring a guest.

----- A VISITING MODEL BUILDER

Captain H. C. Inches, of Westlake, Ohio, spent Wednesday, March 11, with Capt. Johnston on the Museum ship "J.T.Wing", and at the Detroit Historical Museum, inspecting models that have been built by Guild members; with a brief visit to the Burton Historical Collection.

Capt. Inches, besides being an active ship master on the Great Lakes, is a well-known model builder, and a marine historian of repute. His collection of fine photographs, which he brought with him, is known all over the Great Lakes area. In the course of his visit, he offered a number of very valuable suggestions, based upon his considerable experience as a builder, and half a century of sailing the Lakes. His knowledge of details of Lakes sail and steam vessels makes him one of the best-qualified model builders in this field. As a member of the Guild he would be a tremendous asset, but feels that his distance from Detroit is too great for satisfactory participation. However, he offers his cooperation.

DON'T FORGET TO PLUG FOR THE NAUTICAL EXHIBIT, CALL THE ATTENTION OF YOUR FRIENDS TO IT AND URGE THEM TO SEE IT BEFORE MARCH 27.

DO YOU LIKE HALF-MODELS?

Among the most highly-valued accessions in maritime museums are the half-models of old ships. Besides being ornamental, they're accurate, three-dimensional records of great value to the student of hull design. Mounted on a nice back board they make interesting wall pieces for dens, recreation rooms, living rooms, and offices. In our collection of ship plans, at the Museum of Great Lakes History, there are enough hull lines of Lakes vessels for all of our members, so if you wish to make yourself an authentic half-model, come over to the "J. T. Wing" and pick out a set of hull lines that suits your fancy. They are loaned to Guild members, FREE.

IN THE WIND

There is now a pretty good chance that our next number will be printed by the offset method. If it works out satisfactorily, the next steps will be illustrations, both half-tones and line drawings. Our new Vice President, Mr. R. H. Davison, has promised to run off the April number on his press, if he can get it in shape in time. In connection with this new departure, it is to be hoped that attendance at the March meeting will be 100% of local members. There are a lot of details to be worked out and your editor will need your opinions, ideas, and cooperation. Also your authority to act.

There will be another piece of unfinished business to be disposed of, and I am sure you will all want to be in on it. It is the biggest thing that has come our way up to now, and if properly handled will put us on the map both individually and as an organization.

Since some of the details have not been completely clarified at this time, it is inadvisable to mention more about it in print in this number. I can assure you of its importance and timeliness. Be sure and come to the March meeting.

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