Lost and Found: Historic Structures of the U.P.

Dan Truckey, Director of the Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center at Northern Michigan University, will pay a return visit to the Sault on Wednesday, October 16, at 7 p.m. He will speak about “Lost and Found: Historic Structures of the Upper Peninsula,” the subject of his recent exhibit in Marquette. The talk is co-sponsored by the Chippewa County Historical Society and Bayliss Public Library.

The Upper Peninsula has many wonderful historic structures, but it is only part of the amazing architectural history of the region. So many grand and iconic structures have been lost throughout the decades. Mr. Truckey’s talk will focus on some of the structures that have been lost and some historic preservation success stories. He will discuss the importance of preserving our physical, cultural heritage and how communities have been affected when significant structures have been lost. The public is invited to attend this talk at Bayliss Public Library, a member of Superior District Library, located at 541 Library Drive, in Sault Ste. Marie. Please enter by the front door, as the library is usually closed on Wednesday evenings. Refreshments will be provided. There will be some brief announcements before the meeting.

Tour of Maple Ridge Cemetery Planned for October 12

By Constance Baker

On Saturday, October 12, at 1 p.m., Angelique Rains (Caroline Grabowski) and Alexandre Cadotte (Paul Sabourin) will share their experiences watching their family and neighbors live and die in Sault Ste. Marie and be buried in Maple Ridge Cemetery on Ashmun Hill. The last burials there occurred in April 1901. A tour script developed by CCHS Board members, Caroline and Paul, will be available for purchase, along with copies of an early cemetery layout; they are each $2. Refreshments will be provided. The suggested donation for admission is $5. You may park in the adjacent lot, north of the cemetery. Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes, as the ground is uneven. A lightweight folding chair would be handy, if you would like to sit at each stop along the way.

Annual Fund Needs Your Contribution

By Constance Baker

On May 1, the Chippewa County Historical Society launched its first Annual Fund drive to raise $20,000 before December 31, 2013. We are proud to report that nearly every Board member has contributed and many Life members have been generous. We are grateful for the contributions, but we are not yet halfway to the goal.

The Annual Fund supports continuing operations of the Society, composing and distributing our quarterly newsletter, River Soundings, cataloging and displaying our historical documents, and paying for maintenance of the CCHS building at 115 Ashmun. Volunteers manage all of CCHS’s operations, but utilities need to be paid, equipment needs to be replaced, and supplies need to be replenished. We invite and need your contributions.

Board Members

Tim Ellis resigned from the CCHS Board this summer due to conflicts with his work schedule. We are grateful for Tim’s help over the years with our various volunteer efforts, including the Water Street Historic Homes, the Historic Churches program, and Maple Ridge Cemetery Tours. The Board has asked Jerry Coutant to complete Tim’s term that ends in April 2015. Jerry and his wife, Fern, are Life members, who have volunteered with History Fest and attended our summer events over the years. Jerry leads the Rotary group where he and his wife spend their winters and has a strong interest in history and art. Robert Aldrich has been asked to join the Board as well, completing a term that ends in April 2014; he will then be nominated for a full three-year term. He is a past CCHS Board member and retired teacher. Rev. Aldrich is the Music Director and Organist at St. James Episcopal Church. He has organized and performed in our Historic Churches programs for many years, along with his wife, Dawn. Please welcome Jerry and Bob to our Board.
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Community Room
Bayliss Public Library
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Sault Ste. Marie, MI
www.baylisslibrary.org
906.632.9331

Free to the public
Holiday Open House
CCHS will be holding a Holiday Open House on Saturday, November 30, from 12-4 p.m. Board member Dennis Hank is planning to have an operating O-gauge Soo Line Christmas train on display, with the assistance of Gil Cymbalist. Richard Trautwein will display some of his toys and trains from various time periods. Join us for refreshments and holiday cheer for all ages!

Date Plaques Mark Historic Sites
By Constance Baker

Board member Caroline Grabowski is promoting the effort to identify and mark historic sites in Chippewa County. She can help verify dates of existing homes and buildings for a research fee. A brochure describing the Date Plaques and how to place an order is available from CCHS and Bayliss Library, or by mail, if you contact cchs@sault.com or 635-7082. Date Plaques make great holiday gifts!

Creative Church Programs Increase Attendance
By Constance Baker

Stained glass window from St. James Episcopal Church

Programs ranging from a formal lecture on the history of Sault Ste. Marie, to Gary Guevara's musicians playing Bishop Baraga music, attracted nearly 450 persons to the summer 2013 Historic Churches series. Art, music, and multi-media presentations were planned by Vice President Susan James, along with church representatives, and hosted by the women's groups at the five local churches. Chippewa County residents, Sault, Ontario visitors, and many tourists were present to view Royce Caron's "The Compassionate One" at the Salvation Army, to hear the Osborn Bells at St. James Episcopal Church, to trace the lives of people buried in the Catholic cemeteries, to hear stories about the Sault churches' "founding fathers," and to mark the beat of the Wilkinson/LaRoue family concert and the McKee/Aldrich "Evening with the Phantom." Susan invites your suggestions for and participation in the 2014 "Historic Churches of Sault Ste. Marie." You may contact her at cchs@sault.com.

Snowshoe Pathway Completed
You may have noticed that the Sault's Snowshoe Pathway was completed this summer. The painted pathway links the five historic churches in the downtown area, east of Ashmun Street. CCHS directed the project, partnering with Marianna Ripple's 7th and 8th grade classes at St. Mary's School. The route begins at the Baraga House on Water Street, follows Johnston, Portage, Maple, Court, and Dawson Streets, and returns to Portage Avenue via Bingham Avenue. The City's Osborn Trust funded the project—the paint and other materials. Evidence of the original snowshoe pathway from the early 1990s, organized by the late County Commissioner, Leno Pianosi, is evident on the Court Street sidewalk next to FirstMerit Bank. CCHS plans to create a brochure with a trail map identifying the churches and other sites along the way. Thank you to the efforts of Ms. Ripple and her students!

History Camp 2013
By Ginny Cymbalist

CCHS hosted its second annual Summer History Camp in July, directed by Board members Patty Olsen and Ginny Cymbalist, assisted by Mary Couling. Fifteen students, finishing grades two through six, spent a jam-packed week focusing on the John Johnston family, their property, and their involvement in the fur trade. We were introduced to the geological changes that occurred in our area and how they impact our lives today. In (continued on page 4)
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addition, to observe the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, we spent time with stories, artifacts, and songs of that period. With the help of Susan Askwith, Mike Bennett, Ed Herman, Jim Couling, Mary Couling, Caroline Grabowski, Dr. David Knowles, Paul Sabourin, Ed Koivisto, David Stanaway, Greg Schmitigal, and Cecil Pavlat, we experienced the lives of the early people of the Sault area. Field trips included visits to the diorama at Soo Locks Boat Tours Dock 1, the Tower of History, the River of History Museum, the Sault Tribe Cultural Center, and Riverside Cemetery.

Funding for the camp was provided by grants from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) and Cloverland Electric Cooperative, along with student tuition. We are now in the process of planning History Camp 2014.

Historic Water Street Homes and the Kemp Industrial Museum

By Mary M. June and Ginny Cymbalist

This past summer has been a busy and eventful one. There were some changes in programming this year that kept things interesting. Neengay (Susan Johnston), portrayed by Caroline Grabowski, spoke to people about what it was like raising a family on the frontier. Sabrina Neveu portrayed Jane Johnston Schoolcraft as she shared Jane’s poetry and stories of her life. Dave Stanaway and Susan Askwith again entertained visitors with their wonderful music about the Johnston family and the fur trade era. Each Wednesday, there was a special program, given by a different speaker or crafts person, dealing with various aspects of the area’s history. Jim and Mary Couling started off the summer with voyageur songs and stories. They were assisted by Mike Bennett and Ed Herman who demonstrated paddling a canoe. Joyce Mansfield took us on a tour of the Baraga House, while sharing stories of the life of the Venerable Bishop Baraga. Dr. David Knowles presented some fascinating facts in his discussion of the geologic history of the eastern U.P.

Neil Moran spoke about “Heirloom Seeds and Native Plants” at CCHS’s general meeting at Bayliss Library. About 30 people attended his informative talk about the history of gardening and food production and gathering in the area and stories about popular heirloom seeds. His gardening books, including his latest, North Country Gardening with Wildflowers: A Guide to Growing and Enjoying Native Plants in the Upper Great Lakes Region, are available for purchase in CCHS’s gift shop.

Jennifer Walker, Steve Jorgensen, Shirley Stevens, and Ginny Cymbalist) also must be thanked for their helpfulness, knowledge of the artifacts and displays, and their knowledge of and love for the area’s history. They reported meeting several Johnston Family descendants who visited the house this summer. It is always exciting when the docents are able to help the descendants learn more about their heritage.

Another new development this summer was the charging of admission. After much discussion over the last several years, admission charges of $3 for adults; $2 for children (5 and under free); and $15 for a season pass allowing unlimited access were instituted. A package ticket allowing visits to the four Sault Historic Sites—the Valley Camp, the Tower of History, the River of History Museum, and the Historic Water Street Homes (and Kemp Industrial Museum)—costing $26 for an adult and $12 for children, was also available. Through these innovations, along with increased advertising, it was felt that the number of visitors increased.

Work on the Baraga House continued thanks to the dedicated efforts of Roger Blanchard, Joyce Mansfield, and Mike Bennett. They spent many hours finishing the drywall, taping, mudding, and sanding on the first and second floors. The walls were primed, windows were caulked, and work is currently underway to repair holes in the floors. The house was in good enough shape to be open for tours during Rendezvous in the Sault in July and after Father Ben Paris’ August talk about Bishop Baraga during the Historic Churches program. Joyce Mansfield and Mike Bennett were instrumental in creating displays for these tours. There is still a lot of work to be done on the Baraga House, but all the volunteers deserve a big Thank You for the great progress made this year.

The wonderful gardens that have been tended by Jim and Mary Couling make the Johnston house one of the most attractive spots in the Sault. The wildflower garden was expanded along the street and the entire garden is bursting with color after all the rain we have had lately. Be sure to drive by and see for yourself. If you were not able to visit the historic homes and Kemp Museum this year, keep them in mind for next summer as they are one of the Sault’s treasures.

Neil Moran Talk

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Rendezvous in the Sault 2013
By Ginny Cymbalist
The first Rendezvous in the Sault: A History Fest Event was a huge success. What for four years was a nice, small celebration of historic Sault Ste. Marie, grew by tremendous proportions. Thanks for this growth go mainly to Angie Patterson, who works in the City Engineering Department and serves as the staff person on the Historic Development Commission. At one HDC meeting, Angie mentioned that she knew people involved in re-enacting, and so it began. Angie’s connections with Harry and Rose Burgess, who have a 33-year history of planning and running the Feast of the Ste. Claire in Port Huron, were invaluable. Harry and Rose not only came to the Sault to give us suggestions, they spearheaded the whole re-enactment portion of the Rendezvous and were here to supervise everything. Angie spent countless hours coordinating this event. The contribution of these three people cannot be over-emphasized.

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Little Rapids Then and Now
By Bernie Arbic
From 1832 to 1849, there was a Methodist Mission on the land now occupied by the Sault Ste. Marie Country Club. When the mission was established, a small Ojibwa settlement known as Neebeetung stood along the river’s edge at Little Rapids—probably somewhere near the present-day Sugar Island Ferry Dock. The missionary John Pitezel was stationed here for a time. He described the setting when he arrived in 1843, in his book *Lights and Shades of Missionary Life*:

At the station a large branch of the river breaks off abruptly, from the main channel, flowing southwardly, studded with numerous beautiful islets. The current here is very rapid; hence the name Little Rapids. The mission stands on a gentle slope, a few rods back from this channel, in full view of the beautiful scenery to the east and north, and of the mountainous ranges on the Canada shore. The shore is very abrupt in front of the mission, the water being, a few feet from land, eight or ten feet deep, and perfectly clear and transparent. In the rear were the barn and out-houses. Lining the shore were about a dozen Indian houses, several wigwams, and the school-house, an old log building which served for chapel and schools.

Peter White passed through Little Rapids in 1849, when the river was in its natural state. He was headed for Lake Superior, and subsequently became one of the founders of Marquette. In 1905, he served as chairman of the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the Sault Locks. In an address on that occasion, he described the changes that were evident here in the time-span 1849 to 1905:

When we reached the Sault [in 1849], we found a place very few here would recognize, though many old landmarks persisted here not many years ago. The rapids were the same, as to the central fall, but the lands and buildings have very much altered the appearance of things, and the Hay Lake cut, especially down by the Little Rapids, almost more [changed] than all.

In the interpretive panels (described in our previous newsletter) that will be placed soon by the city at Rotary Island Park, we at the Society have attempted to tell some of the story of change at Little Rapids. One of the panels contains material about the Methodist Mission, including a version of the quotation from Rev. Pitezel’s book given above. Another panel
describes changes brought about by the dredging in the early 1890s that created Little Rapids Cut. We used a photograph from our collection, taken by Carl Materna in 1975, as a starting point. We had a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers drawing which showed that portion of the river before the dredging was done, so we asked local artist William Gerrish to use that information to alter Materna’s 1975 aerial photo, so that the original extent of the islands in Little Rapids would be shown. The original photo and Bill’s altered version are shown here. The altered version appears on one of the panels. Bill used color in his altered image which makes things stand out much better than in the black-and-white version given here. Be sure to visit Rotary Island Park after the interpretive panels have been placed—which should happen in a few weeks.
Allan Swanson

In July, we lost CCHS member, Allan Swanson of Sugar Island. He was a Sault High graduate, a retired college teacher of history and political science who returned to the area to retire, a CCHS Board member in the mid-1990s, and an expert boat builder and woodworker. He designed and built our tables, Evening News cabinets, and cabinets for our Cloverland Electric glass plate negatives.

Allan published the book Sokeri Saari: The Finnish Community on Sugar Island in 2005, which he spoke about at a CCHS meeting the following year. His friend, Arthur Koski, recently wrote of Allan’s book, “...[It] shows diligent and painstaking research. He examined Chippewa County records, Sugar Island Township records, and U.S. Census records, and conducted many interviews with second- and third-generation Finns. The idea for the book began with the first annual reunion of the descendants of the original Finnish settlers in the summer of 1994.” He went on to say, “Allan’s patient and intellectually sound work has been an inspiration to me in my small efforts to document some stories of Drummond Island Finns.”

While Allan Swanson was teaching in the 1960s, he wrote a lengthy history of Palatka, Florida, available in full at http://goo.gl/fmp5bD. In 1990, he worked on the Steere Room Collection at Bayliss Library and a decade later, he served on the short-lived Fort Brady Military Museum Committee with Yvonne Peer and Susan James. He was active with the Sugar Island Historical Preservation Society and was largely responsible for preserving the Finn Hall on Sugar Island. A gathering in his memory of friends and family was held there in July, where stories were shared. Arthur and Suzanne Koski donated to CCHS in his memory the book Finglish, Finns in North America by Vesa Oja that features a photo of Allan in front of Finn Hall and the “Reflections” CD by the Finn Hall Band.

In recent years, Allan made a sizeable contribution to help pay off the mortgage on our building. This year, his wife, Cindy, made a generous memorial contribution to CCHS, in honor of her late husband.

Highlights of Sault Summer Arts Festival

By Constance Baker

The day-long Sault Summer Arts Festival took place on August 6 on the grounds of the City Hall. There were many juried exhibits of arts and crafts from all over Michigan and beyond. Live entertainment was presented by local musicians and several vendors provided food and beverages. Opportunities for young people to demonstrate their artistic skills were provided by the Sault Area Arts Council and Bayliss Public Library. Several CCHS members displayed their art and crafts, including David Bigelow, Dee Stevens, and Janet Russell.

At CCHS’s booth, attendees were invited to buy chances on Jeanne Tubman’s print “The Meeting Place,” browse through books on display, purchase a CCHS membership, and chat with various Board members staffing the booth. When asked, a 10-year-old girl said she had never met anyone who wrote a book, so she was introduced and shook hands with Bernie Arbic, Cindy Panik from the Sault won Tubman’s print. Thank you to Jeanne Tubman for donating the print to CCHS. Jeanne’s new mural showing the St. Marys River in the 17th century was recently unveiled at the River of History Museum. It may be seen through mid-October, Monday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CCHS Committees

By Mary M. June

CCHS has been working to reestablish/reorganize Standing Committees identified in the Society’s Bylaws and create several other committees. Our Standing Committees include: the Finance Committee, chaired by Bernie Arbic, is responsible for the preparation of the budget and its modification as needed; Publications Committee, chaired by Susan James, is responsible for advertising, publications, and newsletters; Programs Committee, chaired by Susan James, is responsible for developing and organizing programs sponsored by the Society; Collections Committee, chaired by Carolyn Person, is responsible for accepting, developing, maintaining, storing, and exhibiting the collection; the Membership Committee, chaired by Constance Baker, is responsible for the recruitment and retention of Society members; Fundraising Committee, chaired by Constance Baker, is responsible for grant proposals and other fundraising activities for the Society; and the Education Committee, chaired by Patty Olsen, is responsible for directing the development of the Society’s educational outreach.

Other committees formed to help carry on other Society business matters include: the Building Committee, chaired by Dennis Hank, is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the building and will help with the planning and restoration of the building for the future; Historic Water Street Homes Committee, co-chaired by Mary June and Ginny Cymbalist, is in charge of the exhibits displayed, and Ginny is in charge of the docents and programming offered; Rendezvous in the Sault Committee, co-chaired by Ginny Cymbalist and Angie Patterson, is responsible for planning and organizing the annual event; Gift Shop Committee, chaired by Mary June, is responsible for the running of the Gift Shop; Bylaws Committee, chaired by Paul Sabourin, is responsible for the review and revision of the bylaws; Volunteer Committee, chaired by Constance Baker, is responsible for creating a volunteer program that will help organize volunteer efforts for the organization.

While various Board members are also members of the committees, CCHS is inviting the general public to also volunteer to serve as committee members. Please give us a call if you are interested in becoming involved and helping CCHS move forward with its mission “...to promote an appreciation of the history of the Upper Peninsula, in particular that of Chippewa County and Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, by collecting, preserving, exhibiting, and interpreting that history for audiences of all ages and interests.”

Dennis Hank Leads Building Committee

By Constance Baker

Recently, President Mary M. June appointed Board member Dennis Hank, Chair of the Building Committee and charged the Committee with 1) overseeing direct maintenance of 115 Ashum Street and 2) developing a proposal to renovate/restore/make usable the 124-year-old sandstone structure known as the News Building. The Committee is guided by Article II in CCHS’s Bylaws, which states that one purpose of CCHS is “to maintain a facility for library, educational, and museum purposes.”
Other Board members on the Committee are Constance Baker and Carolyn Person, both of whom have experience in restoring and maintaining historical buildings. Individuals interested in serving on the Building Committee are invited to indicate their interest by calling 635-7082. In the coming months, the Committee will be exploring critical options as they begin to plan upgrading the building's energy systems and preserving its historical significance. Fortunately, there are human and financial resources available to support assessment of a 124-year-old commercial building.

Gift Shop
By Mary M. June

The Gift Shop and History Center displays at the front of the building will remain open until Christmas, with reduced hours, Monday thru Wednesday, 1-4 p.m. Come visit us and check out our special selection of books covering our area's local history, the history of the U.P., and the history of Michigan. Recently, the third printing of our popular book, Then and Now: The Changing Face of Sault Ste. Marie arrived, in time for holiday gift giving. (The traveling “Then and Now” display is currently at the River of History Museum.) Two titles were recently donated by Joan Gerrie. They were written by her late brother, William J. Taylor: New & Selected POEMS and Upper Michigan Postal History & Postcards. Mike Bennett and Karen Sabatine have provided copies of several publications published by the Museum of the Fur Trade Society for sale in the shop.

Copies of The Way North: Collected Upper Peninsula New Works, edited by Ron Riedki, are now available. The book includes 14 authors associated with the EUP; a selection of authors will read at the October 29 event at Bayliss Library. We have local author James Menard’s new book, The Oshkosh* WT-2206: America’s Cold Warrior. He will be speaking on November 7 at Bayliss Library, along with copy editor, Jan Mende Reed, and book designer, William Gerrish.

This summer we had a great crew of volunteers and I wish to thank them for giving their time to staff the Gift Shop. The volunteers were: Pauline and George Davidson, Karen Sabatine, Mike Bennett, Jennifer Walker, Gail Ulrich, Ginny and Gil Cymbalist, and Susan James. Thanks to them our hours were much more regular than in the past and their help has been greatly appreciated. If you would like to help in the Gift Shop, please let us know.

This fall, CCHS participated in Celebrate Our Cultural Diversity Festival, part of the DDA’s Oktoberfest. The CCHS Gift Shop and History Center were open during the event with refreshments.

CCHS Collection Update
By Carolyn Person

Cataloging the CCHS collection continues with the help of volunteers Kathy Newcomb, Gail Ulrich, and Dee Stevens. The goal of locating, recording with a number, and photographing, where appropriate, continues with the end result that all items in the collection will be on a searchable database. The extensive photographic collection, including the Walter Materna Collection is about 40% established on a searchable database, thanks to the persistence of Bernie Arbic and Mike Bennett.

Steve Jorgensen has contributed photos and stories of the Kemp Coal Company and Gene Usimaki has contributed more negatives from her father, Walt Materna, to the Materna Collection. Work will continue over the winter and the call is out for any interested volunteers willing to give a few hours on Monday or Friday to assist with the cataloging. Please contact the Society if you would like to join the dedicated volunteers.

EUP History Consortium – October Meeting
By Mary M. June

The fall meeting of the EUP History Consortium will be held on Saturday, October 5, at the Pickford Area Historical Museum on Main Street in Pickford. The semi-annual meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast. The guest speaker will be Ken Hemming, a professional grant writer with Lake Superior State University, who will address some of the fears and issues associated with grant writing. It is suggested that attendees come prepared with questions. The day will include a Business Meeting, Lunch, and an opportunity for the groups to share what they are doing. The day-long meeting is expected to conclude around 3 p.m. For more information, please contact Dianne 906-297-3013, Carol 906-647-8533, or Mary Jane-906-647-9633.

SAVE THESE DATES:
CCHS Events (see www.cchsmi.com)
Oct. 12, 1 p.m., Maple Ridge Cemetery Tour Fundraiser
Oct. 16, 7 p.m., Dari Truckey, "Lost and Found: Historic Structures of the Upper Peninsula” at Bayliss Library
Nov. 30, 12-4 p.m., Holiday Open House, with trains and toys on display, and refreshments

Bayliss Public Library (Member of Superior District Library) Events (see www.baylisslibrary.org)
Oct. 10, 7 p.m., LSSU’s Border Crossing Journal Launch Party
Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m., Saroj Ghoting, “Opening Young Minds to the Culture of Language,” workshop on Early Childhood Literacy, made possible in part by a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. To sign up, contact bayref@baylisslibrary.org.
Oct. 22, 7 p.m., UP Paranormal Research Society, “Haunted Holidays” program
Oct. 29, 7 p.m., The Way North: Collected Upper Peninsula New Works, EUP contributors will read their work.
Nov. 7, 7 p.m., Author James Menard, The Oshkosh* WT-2206: America’s Cold Warrior, will speak along with copy editor Jan Mende Reed and book designer William Gerrish.
Nov. 14, 7 p.m., Great Michigan Read Author Steve Luxenberg, Annie’s Ghosts

Membership Renewal Time
Please check your address label. If you are not a Lifetime or Honorary member, it may be time to renew! Please continue your support of CCHS and, if possible, add something extra for our Annual Fund. Thank you!

Did you know that you may renew your membership or make a donation using your credit card? Contact us during office or gift shop hours and we would be glad to assist you.
Historical Items Found in Newspapers
By Jim Dwyer

The Soo/Newberry rivalry may have begun on February 23, 1895, when a party of Soo gentlemen “entrained” to attend a dance at the Newberry Hotel. Among whom were several of the Fort Brady boys. They monopolized the time of the Newberry girls to such an extent that “their local beaux felt quite jealous.” (Newberry News)

Negro League baseball teams came to the eastern U.P. in the very early 1900s and played local teams. Arguably, that was comparable to having major league teams play here. (Newberry News)

In December 1905, a Soo High School student, William France, became a hero to his fellow students. He procured a shot gun and “amid the admiring gaze” of his fellow students, “bagged” a large white owl perched on the flag staff of the school. The owl was mounted and placed in the school museum. (Marquette Mining Journal)

In an article of August 26, 1925, the Sault Evening News reported that the historic mode of travel between Newberry and the Soo was at risk due to the improving highways and increased automobile travel. A railroad official noted that there were only three passengers from Newberry to the Soo “yesterday.” In the past six months, there had only been 816 passengers on the route.

On June 18, 1915, a Soo man became the first driver arrest for violation of speed laws that was made in Newberry. He was arrested for speeding and being intoxicated. He was locked in jail overnight to sober up. Was that in retaliation for the Fort Brady boys hustling the Newberry girls in 1895? (Newberry News)

In 1924, the Ku Klux Klan held a banquet for the Sault High School football team as a reward for beating Marquette High School. (Sault Evening News)

In the early decades of the 1900s, drivers were required to leave lights on in their parked autos. The roads were narrow, cars were black, and headlights weren’t very bright. There were a lot of accidents caused by the poor visibility of parked cars. On September 9, 1922, 20 cars were ticketed for parking downtown without lights. They were ordered to appear before Judge McMahon at the traffic court. (Sault Evening News)

The Sault Evening News of August 12, 1922, reported that there were 2,200 autos in Chippewa County. The second and third numerically “ranked” were Dodge with 199 autos, followed by 135 Overlands.

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Maple Ridge Cemetery

Tour Fundraiser
By Caroline Grabowski and Paul Sabourin
Sponsored by the Chippewa County Historical Society

Saturday, October 12
1:00 p.m.

$5.00 suggested donation

Refreshments provided.
Dress for the weather.
Meet in parking lot north of the Cemetery on Ashmun Street.

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