

the first in line behind the barriers when the Zilwaukee bridge was lifted. The vessel for which the bridge went up was the W. C. RICHARDSON, inbound with yet another load for the Chevrolet foundry. Needless to say, the event was recorded on film.

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What of the steamer that rescued the crew of W. C. RICHARDSON (I)? The rescue was, perhaps, the one moment of glory for a ship that served only one owner in her 56-year life. She served faithfully and generally without incident of any significant nature. WILLIAM A. PAINE was built by the American Ship Building Company at Cleveland, the yard's Hull 427. She was launched on Thursday, June 29th, 1905, and a photo of the event is reproduced herewith. She was 480 x 52 x 30, 5798 Gross and 4435 Net, and was built to the order of the Pioneer Steamship Company, which was managed by Hutchinson & Company, of Cleveland. The PAINE served Pioneer until 1961, when she was sold to Marine Salvage Ltd., of Port Colborne. Resold to overseas breakers, she arrived in tow at Genoa, Italy, on October 4, 1961.

Readers will have noted that the name of the master of WILLIAM A. PAINE was spelled differently in the Buffalo newspapers of 1909 than in the reports which we presented in our first instalment of the RICHARDSON story. The name was spelled "Dettefs" in contemporary Shipmasters' Association directories.

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Ed. Note: When first we thought of using the two steamers named W. C. RICHARDSON as the subjects of a "Scanner" feature, we little suspected that our article would prompt so much response from our readers. Foremost amongst those who responded is longtime supporter Jack Messmer, of Lancaster, New York, who not only provided the many news clippings concerning the wreck and its bizarre aftermath, but also the three excellent photographs of the RICHARDSON wreck on Waverly Shoal. We think that these photos are amongst the most interesting views of lake ships that we ever have seen, and we thank Jack for his generosity in sharing them with the members of T.M.H.S.

Ralph Roberts, of Saginaw, Michigan, another staunch supporter of our efforts with "Scanner", has provided the rare photograph of WAINWRIGHT taken just prior to her launch, and also his recollections of the visits of the W. C. RICHARDSON (II) to the Saginaw area. We are most grateful to Ralph for his assistance.

Member and author Skip Gillham, of Vineland, Ontario, has brought to our attention the 1927 collision of W. C. RICHARDSON (II) and WILLIAM C. ATWATER on Lake Erie. We would appreciate hearing from any members who might be able to locate additional information concerning this incident.

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SHIPMASTERS OFFER A LAKE FREIGHTER TRIP

Niagara District Lodge 20 of the International Shipmasters' Association is holding a raffle for a trip for two persons on a Great Lakes freighter. The draw will take place on Saturday, February 22, 1997, at the Shipmasters' annual dinner dance. The trip, which is made available through the courtesy of Upper Lakes Shipping, must be taken during the 1997 navigation season.

The Association is pleased to invite members of the Toronto Marine Historical Society to participate in the raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Please make cheques payable to I.S.M.A. Lodge 20, and send your remittance to Alan Sykes, 12 Peachtree Park, Fonthill, Ontario L0S 1E0.

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