

One way we can hold down expenses is by reducing postage costs (even though another postal rate increase is threatened). If you can attend any of our meetings and then take a few "Scanners" with you to deliver to other nearby members who cannot attend, you will help us to reduce the cost of mailings. Several members already do this on a regular basis, and we most sincerely appreciate their time and effort in delivering "Scanner" locally for us.

Another way to keep the bank account healthy is to increase the number of members on the Society's rolls. Over the past few years, we have lost a number of longtime members who have passed on, and each year we gain a few new members who find "Scanner" a bit too technical for their tastes (or so we assume) and do not renew. If you know of someone who might like to receive "Scanner", please do not hesitate to recommend membership in T.M.H.S.

Your Editor is not known to mince words, and hence feels compelled to mention that the practice of some members loaning "Scanner" to perpetually freeloading non-members seriously cuts into sales of new memberships. We do not wish to turn members into nasty "Scanner-misers", but please realize that every membership dollar received is important in keeping your own fees at a reasonable level. So if a non-member regularly wants to read your copy instead of sending in his or her own dues, please be hard-hearted. Tell that person to loosen up the wallet and send us their own membership subscription! After all, fair is fair for all of us...

Now, in conclusion, and on behalf of all of the members of T.M.H.S., we extend sincere thanks to Bill Wilson for another year of effort in looking after the Society's receipts and the chequebook. Ye Ed knows well, from experience with other organizations, that the chores of a Treasurer may not be taken lightly, and also that the balancing of books is hardly a pleasant task. We are fortunate indeed to have Bill available to tend the treasury of T.M.H.S. for us.

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GRAND ISLAND REVISITED

In the Mid-Summer issue, we featured as our Ship of the Month No. 213, the steamer GRAND ISLAND, (a) EUGENE ZIMMERMAN (16). Although this ship enjoyed a long life, the most memorable event in her career undoubtedly was her maiden voyage collision with the Tomlinson steamer SAXONA in Lake Munuscong, on the St. Mary's River, on April 16th, 1906. Readers will recall from our photograph of the ZIMMERMAN, as she lay on the Canadian side of the channel after the collision, just how severe was the damage to the bow section of the freighter.

Capt. Gerry Ouderkirk, T.M.H.S. member and frequent contributor to "Scanner", has sent us a bit of material from his records, which indicates that it was the famous Donnelly Wrecking Company, of Kingston, that refloated the ZIMMERMAN after the collision.

On Thursday, January 2nd, 1919, an article entitled "Picking Boats Off the Rocks" appeared in the "Collingwood Bulletin". It indicated that "... the work of salvaging the EUGENE ZIMMERMAN, sunk in the Soo River in 1906, laden with 9,000 tons of coal, was another Donnelly feat. A false bow, twenty-eight feet long and twenty-five feet deep, was built in six days, twenty miles from the scene of the accident (in other words, at Sault Ste. Marie - Ed.), floated down and put in place. It was so good a fit that she was pumped out with a ballast pump."

It has now become evident to us that there was quite a story to the salvaging of the EUGENE ZIMMERMAN in 1906, and we hope to have more details for you in a future issue of "Scanner". Could we hope for another photograph, too, perhaps?

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