

Old Diary, Maps Help Restore Pioneer Fort

As I was obliged to pass the winters preceding the most wretchedly in old houses, not habitable, notwithstanding of my disbursements on many repeated repairs, such as thatching with bark, claying &c, as without these expenses I must starve of cold...

Such were the labored writings of Daniel Morison, surgeon's mate in the Royal American's 3rd or 4th Battalion who he recorded September 17, 1771, at Ft. Michilimackinac, at Mackinaw City, Michigan.

Dr. Morison's diary was discovered in a London bookshop in 1914 by Clarence M. Burton who purchased it for \$65. Ultimately it became part of the Burton Historical Collection in the Detroit Public Library.

LITTLE did Dr. Morison realize, when he wrote his own personal indictment of living conditions at the fort, that nearly two centuries later the diary would become part of plans to be used in the authentic reconstruction of Ft. Michilimackinac.

Restoration of the fort was begun in 1956. From the outset it was decided that all buildings be restored and reconstructed so they would have the appearance and characteristics of the original buildings on their original sites.

The foundation was laid out on the basis of findings in historical documents such as Dr. Morison's Journal, letters, diaries, official government reports, and eye-witness accounts by traders and others who visited the fort during that time.

THE STRONGEST bias of information, which have proved to be the keystone of the entire restoration project, are three maps—the most accurate being that of Lt. Magra of the Royal Engineers, drawn in 1766. Traces of building foundations uncovered during excavation coincide remarkably with the design Magra outlined nearly two centuries ago.

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Learnto Relax, Says U-M Aid

Americans will have to learn to live with their leisure, according to Dr. Robert L. Kahn, program director of the University of Michigan Survey Research Center. "We will have to develop a means by which individuals can gain the same feelings of fulfillment from leisure that they now obtain through work. We will have to educate our children so that they use their time creatively in recreation, art and politics," Kahn said in an interview.

NOTING THAT employment is synonymous with manhood in our society, Kahn said that "most men find the producing role important for maintaining their sense of well-being. "This can be shown in the trouble older people have in retiring or in the studies of long unemployment where men get listless and bored without the opportunity to contribute."

Cubs and Fathers Hold Annual Outing

Seventeen Cub Scouts and thirteen fathers from Lathrup Pack No. 1341 held their annual outing June 8, at Lola Valley Park.

The day started at 9 a.m. with a baseball game in which both the boys and their fathers participated. The second event was an athletic contest for the Cubs. Prizes were won by the following boys: Den No. 1: Milton Thackberry, 1st; Bob Anderson, 2nd; Mark Mansfield, 3rd. Den No. 2: David Unkerfer, 1st; Richard Anderson, 2nd; Steve Scott, 3rd. Den No. 3: Paul Detriac, 1st; Robert Tracy, 2nd; Charles Thurbacher, 3rd. Den No. 5: Greg Hamilton, 1st; John Shakerjian, 2nd; Bill Arim, 3rd.

Detroit's zoological park was among the nation's first zoos to be built with barless exhibits. Spectators and animals are separated by moats. Its 2,000 mammals, birds and reptiles live much as in their native habitat.

In Michigan, one is never more than six miles from a lake or stream.

Missile Expert Addresses B'ham Exchange Club

Lovell Lawrence, Jr., director of advanced projects organization, Chrysler Corp., was the guest speaker Tuesday at the Birmingham Exchange Club meeting.

Lawrence, who helped perfect the engine that enabled the Bell X-1 to crash the sound barrier, discussed the current U.S. missile program.

A winner of the American Rocket Society's highest honor, the Robert H. Goddard Award, for his work on the Bell X and Viking missile, Lawrence has been with Chrysler since 1953.

The speaker for the June 25 Exchange Club meeting will be Cranbrook naturalist Walter Nickel. He will give an illustrated talk on the natural history of Mexico and British Honduras.

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