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### U. OF MICHIGAN TO RECEIVE OBJECTS FROM MACKINAC.

A large collection of objects, both Indian and European, found on the site of the old Fort Michilicamegon on the south shore of the Straits of Mackinac were given to the University of Michigan Museums recently by Miss Iva Letts of Litchfield, Mich.

Collected by Miss Letts and her family on weekend excursions to

the site of the old Fort early in this century, these objects are valuable to the anthropologist because they provide a means of dating native Indian materials. According to Dr. Carl E. Gable, director of the Museums, Indian objects may often be dated to within about 10 years when found in association with datable European materials. The objects in this gift all date between the establishment of the Fort in 1715 and its abandonment in 1781.

These and other relics of Indian and early European occupation of

Michigan now owned by the University Museums are valuable counterparts to the extensive written records of Michigan's history in the University's William L. Clements Library. They mean that the University has not only documentary accounts of the early life of the State, but also tangible evidence of the life of that day. Only a year ago the Clements Library published two hitherto unavailable drafts of this same Fort, both drawn by military leaders who had lived in the Fort in the 18th century.

Among the objects given to the University by Miss Letts are: about 5,000 glass beads (worth approximately \$25 in terms of the inflated wampum currency of the 18th century); parts of muskets and musket balls; household goods and utensils; clay pipes; early European glass and chinaware; Indian stone pipes and arrowheads; hand-wrought nails; cloth; jewelry; trade "beads" (the trade marks used by European firms in the fur trade); and many other articles.

### KNOWLEDGE OF FUSES ESSENTIAL IN HOUSEHOLD

Whether a house is just being wired for the first time or has had an electric system for years, it is well for every adult member of the family to understand what the fuse box is for and what to do if a fuse blows out, says Helen Noyes, home management extension specialist at Michigan State College.

Fuses, or circuit breakers, are the safety valves in the electrical system. Extra fuses should be kept on hand in case one blows out. There should be enough circuits, each controlled by a fuse, to carry all the appliances the home is likely to have.

When a fuse blows out it's usually an indication that there is a short circuit or an overload. Perhaps too many appliances have been connected to one circuit. This trouble occurs frequently in houses wired several years ago, before people began to have such a variety of electric devices, such as mixers, dishwashers, waffle irons, percolators, fans, razor and warming pads, as well as the refrigerator, washing machine, laundry iron and vacuum cleaner.

By removing fuses one at a time and noting which lights and outlets are "dead," the blown fuse may be found. A list of the lights and outlets on each circuit, placed near the fuse box, is a help. If the cause of the difficulty is known, it is a simple matter to insert a good fuse. If the trouble has been merely an overload, the remedy is fewer lights or appliances on that circuit.

If a broken or loose wire has caused a short circuit, the repair must be made by one who knows how, before a good fuse is inserted.

### M. S. C. DISCOVERS NEW WAY TO GROW CHICORY SEEDS

Dividends were already in sight but it took present war conditions to bring out the importance of a new seed producing process developed at Michigan State College as an aid to Michigan's chicory industry.

Chicory is a root crop similar to sugar beets. Michigan, "with right to nine thousand acres practically has a monopoly on United States production. The root is dried, dried, roasted, and ground and then is used as a coffee blend for greater flavor, aroma, appearance and keeping quality after brewing.

Growers have depended on Old World seed supplies. Too much hand labor, they reported, is involved in the process used in Europe for seed production. Pulling the plant, storing it over winter and then replanting in plots for seed production was left to Europeans who then usually sold seed to Michigan growers for about 30 cents a pound.

H. C. Rather, head of the college farm crops department, thought that even 30 cents a pound could be made to pay Michigan farmers, if they stayed within reasonable plantings.

He devised a system and it works. Because it is a two-year process there may be some shortage of seed this year. When growers have time to adopt the idea, as they probably will in view of the present prices of around \$1.50 a pound for inferior imported seed, Michigan will likely grow its own seed.

In brief, the college idea saves labor. A spring grain crop is seeded with chicory. The small grain is

harvested in the usual way. The chicory continues to grow, winters over in the stubble which is then cultivated out in the following spring and the chicory grows on to seed maturity in August. Plants were tied and shocked like corn to mature, then threshed.

### HEALTH GROUP HEARS HEAD OF FORD REPUBLIC

The annual meeting of the Oakland County Public Health Association was held Wednesday evening, January 17th, at the Birmingham Community House. Sixty persons were present to hear Mr. Clyde L. Reed, Superintendent for the past five years, of the Ford Republic School, describe the work done at the school in the guidance of boys.

A brief business meeting was held and the following officers elected: President, Mr. Foster Wilkinson, Superintendent of the Madison School District, Royal Oak. Vice-President, Dr. Bernard M. Carver, medical director of the Children's Fund of Michigan. Secretary, Miss Priscilla Steverman, clerk of the Royal Oak district of the Oakland County Health Department.

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Past Presidents are: Dr. V. E. Polk, Saginaw; Dr. J. D. Moore, Pontiac; Dr. C. A. Neff, Pontiac; Mr. N. J. Quicksted, Royal Oak; Mr. A. L. Cook, Rochester; Dr. C. H. Bonning, Royal Oak.

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