

"TRAILER VAGABOND"



By WARREN BAYLEY

MACKINAC ISLAND—VACATION PARADISE.

The hotel manager was pretty mad by the fact the hotel manager was not as a pistol. Outside the sun was shining and birds were singing in the trees. The first of the summer guests were already arriving—it looked like a banner year. But still the hotel manager sat in his office and fumed. He had just been refused permission to buy a lawn-mower.

This incident actually happened a few years ago here at Mackinac Island. The request was for permission to purchase a power lawnmower and The Mackinac State Park Commission refused on the grounds that the noise would disturb the visitors. When, after months of wire pulling, the hotel man did get his power-mower, its arrival just doubled the number of gasoline engines on the island. The other runs the fire-truck. That's all there is; there isn't any more.

The above incident should explain why I labeled this column, "Vacation Paradise." It is the only resort in the United States that has roads and no automobiles. That makes it different even if it doesn't make it safer. Personally I can think of nothing so dangerous as a fat woman on a bicycle. Getting down to cases — this Mackinac Island is really quite a place. A considerable portion of the history of the North was made on its tiny acreage. Old Fort Mackinac still stands on the highest point and commands the straits that connect Lake Michigan and

Lake Huron. Back in the days when this country was an infant this fort passed from hand to hand like a hot potato. It was surrendered by the British as the last act of the Revolution. It was recaptured by the British in a surprise attack as the first act of the War of 1812. As this surprise attack occurred the day before our congress declared war, it shows us a bit of Pearl Harbor in the days of long ago. Someday we will discover that getting the jump on our enemy is smart warfare.

Among the present-day wonders of a hotel with the longest porch in the world—380 feet. This hotel is also the largest summer hotel in the world—over 5 million cubic feet in size. On the inside is the longest piece of carpet ever made—two full blocks. The original John Jacob Astor trading post also stands in good repair. This post was the foundation of Astor fame and fortune and in its heyday was the meeting place of the north country.

The main mode of transportation is the horse and buggy. An association of owners governs this thriving business of 235 horses and 55 buggies. As the island's winter population of 450 jumps to over 6000 in summer, it is easy to see why each horse averages 35 miles per day during the season. They spend each winter on the Michigan mainland and in early June are shipped back to the island. They're well fed and shod and incidentally gross their owners over \$100,000 a season.

That ain't hay!

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Notes

By F. W. Lowrie

The next regular meeting of the Post will be held on Thursday, August 20, and every member should make an effort to be there for there will be a number of things of interest to the Post that will be brought up. It is expected that the business transacted at the State Convention at Kalamazoo will have some bearing on every post in the State, and a report of the delegates will be made at this meeting.

Thanks to the Editor of the Farmington Enterprise for that nice editorial in the last issue. I do hope that every one will follow the theme of this editorial for we need the records to make more credit for the boys over there. We appreciate the contributions that have already been made.

Unity of purpose should be the outstanding theme of every organization during the coming year and to this end the writer pledges himself. Let's all do our part and help those that are assisting to do the things that will help bring about the Victory that we are all striving for, ever keeping in mind the welfare of our community, State and Nation. Doing our part

in our own community will have the effect of helping the State, which in turn will help the Nation. Look close at home for things to do. Buy More Bonds and Stamps.

Capacity Crowd Attends Church

A crowd slightly larger than the capacity of the Methodist Church was out Sunday morning to attend the first service to be held in the newly redecorated and remodeled sanctuary.

Many complimentary remarks were made concerning the changes in the church. The entire room, as well as the entrance and the two side rooms have been painted. The upper portion of the walls is painted ivory and the lower half is cream. Harley Schroeder had the painting contract for the church.

Carpeting has been laid, covering the entire front and back of the church, and the aisles. The carpeting is a dark burgundy with an all-over pattern.

The front of the church has been changed from a pulpit center, to an altar centered form. The pulpit was moved to the right side, and the lectern is located on the left side. The steps on either side have been filled in, and large center steps now lead to the altar at the center back under the large window.

The altar table holds a 24-tin brass cross, and brass candlesticks with white tapers at either end. Chairs, according to proper form, have been placed at either side in the transept of the chancel.

Four pews were removed and placed for the choir, this section being enclosed with solid paneled railings, patterned and stained the same as the rest of the chancel furniture.

A Hammond electric organ, with eight speakers and rocking discs has been placed in the chancel, at the left front, near the lectern. Around the base of the organ is a velour drape in rich red color to match the carpeting. Above the room to the left of the chancel, a tone chamber has been placed for the organ's equipment. This is covered in front by grill work which is patterned after the church windows.

The communion rail has been cut in the center to allow an open entrance to the altar. The center part will be placed back in the rail for communion services.

All this, with the addition of many beautiful flowers, greeted church goers Sunday morning. A vested choir of 23 persons, under the direction of Mrs. Evelyn Welch, led the procession which also included Dr. Sidney D. Eva, Rev. Howard C. Busching, Walter Lane and A. L. Ross.

The minister spoke a few words of appreciation for the help of all those who had assisted to make this improvement program possible. Mr. Ross outlined the history of the Men's Club, which sponsored the improvement project.

Mr. Lane, lay leader, spoke in behalf of the congregation, and expressed the hope that the people would make all possible use of the sanctuary.

The choir sang a special anthem of praise, and Lemont Hamlin of Howell, was guest soloist, singing "The Holy City." Mrs. Murel Burdick, church organist, accompanied. Ed Smith, new head usher, had charge of the ushering service.

Dr. Sidney D. Eva, always welcomed by members of the Farmington Methodist Church, congratulated the congregation on their accomplishment of establishing this beautiful worship center. His sermon theme brought out the necessity of beauty in our life, pointing out that beauty is part of the nature of God, and an avenue to Him.

Mrs. Leach Attends Library Meeting

Mrs. Florence Leach, Librarian at the Farmington City and Township Library, attended a Library Association meeting at Higgins Lake Conservation Camp, from Sunday, August 9, to Wednesday.

Many Drivers Apply For License Renewals

This has been a busy week indeed over at the City Hall for Police Chief Joseph DeVrient. An exceptionally large number of people have come in for renewals of driver's licenses, as well as change of address, and applications received for chauffeur's license. It seems that almost everyone has a license that expires in August.

Mrs. Delos Hamlin spent Monday in Bay City and returned with her daughters, Jane and Ruth, who have been visiting relatives there. Mrs. A. L. Ross has returned from a visit in Hamilton, N.Y.

Legion Auxiliary To Elect Officers

The American Legion Auxiliary, Farmington Post, will hold an election of officers August 24. The Auxiliary is sponsoring a collection of phonograph records and anyone wishing to donate may call Mrs. Lulu Schaeper, Farmington 605W.

NEW JANITOR HIRED AT CHURCH

Elisha Bradley has been engaged as new janitor at the Farmington Methodist Church. Mr. Bradley has been hired for full-time work at the church.

Rev. Busching To Speak In Detroit Sunday

Rev. Howard C. Busching will speak Sunday morning at the Boardman Temple Methodist Church in Detroit. Occupying Rev. Busching's pulpit at the Methodist Church will be Rev. Harold H. McKinnon, head of Goodwill Industries in Detroit.

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