

Lush Irish Hills a summer magnet

The lush, rolling Irish Hills in southeastern Michigan's Lenawee County is one of the state's most picturesque and historic areas and has much to offer the tourist.

At the peak of summer, up to 10,000 cars travel through the area on an average Sunday, attesting to its popularity among southeastern Michigan attractions.

AT THE EDGE OF THE Irish Hills, Saline and Clinton are among the area communities well worth a visit to view examples of 19th century architecture. Saline was settled in 1834 and Clinton in 1838. Both are communities removed from the tensions of a big city and visitors will find the people there genuinely friendly.

West of Clinton is the central part of the Irish Hills, so named by the Rev. William Lyster because the gentle slopes and sparkling lakes reminded him of his native land.

The Irish Hills is an area of about six square miles, with Cambridge Junction at the intersection of US-12 and M-50 considered the hub. Most of the things to see are along US-12 or M-50, between Clinton and US-12.

The area was settled in the 1830's by families who had left the "Auld Soil" of Ireland because of recurrent famines from potato crop failures.

They found this to be a lush area for farms and made their first permanent mark with St. Joseph's Shrine, a stone church started in 1834 which has drawn uncounted multitudes of worshippers to its Outdoor Stations of the Cross overlooking a small lake.

In the old churchyard are graves of Irish pioneers. There are 52 lakes in the Irish Hills and most of them are visible from the twin 64-foot observation towers that have been an area landmark for many years.

Seven miles west of Clinton on US-40 is Bauer Manor, a roadside dating to 1834 where stagecoach travelers bound for Chicago over the bumpy Sauk Trail could stay overnight. It is still a restaurant.

ANOTHER OLD roadside is Springville Inn, six miles west of Tipton on M-50, now an antique shop. Four miles away is Walker Tavern in Cambridge Junction, once the junction of Michigan's old Chicago and Monroe turnpikes. Built in 1832, the inn's onetime notable guests included statesman Daniel Webster and James Fenimore Cooper, American novelist.

Cooper spent considerable time here and the locale appears in some of his books. Now under state supervision, Walker Tavern is now undergoing restoration and is closed to the public. However, an interpretation center and a restored barn will be open daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting July 4. Both will exhibit stagecoaches and pioneer artifacts.

Strung out in other areas are a score of other attractions, ranging from a "Prehistoric Forest" of dinosaur and Triceratops sculptures to gravity-defying "Mystery Hill," where water runs up and people can't fall down.

W.J. Hayes State Park, nine miles west of Clinton on US-12 and M-124, covers 654 acres in Lenawee, Jackson and Washtenaw Counties, and captivates on the beauty of the Irish Hills. MOST EXTENSIVE of all the at-

Amtrak begins expansion

Governor William G. Milliken recently said that Amtrak has directed Penn Central and Grand Trunk railroads to start construction on the Port Huron-Chicago rail passenger service that is scheduled to begin Sept. 15.

"The fact that Amtrak acted promptly to begin work indicates it is firmly committed to the September starting date," Milliken said.

The construction will include track improvement, as well as work on signaling and stations for the line that will serve Port Huron, Flint, Lansing, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo and Niles.

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Civic Searchlight, Inc., publishers of "Voters Guide" which evaluates political candidates in Wayne and Oakland Counties, announced at the 62nd annual business meeting that "because of the large number of candidates, the publication would not be ready for release until Sunday, July 28.

President Lawrence M. Carino stated Civic Searchlight and its Oakland County affiliate, Oakland Citizens League, together will evaluate more than 650 candidates in Wayne and Oakland Counties for the Aug. 6 primary.

At the meeting, Carino urged mem-

bers to "renew their vital interest in better government, and to commit themselves to the search for excellence in finding the very best qualified persons to run our government."

Eight directors of Civic Searchlight, Inc. were re-elected to three-year terms: Henry S. Booth, Leo I. Franklin, Nathan B. Goodnow, David J. Harper, George L. Lahodny, Aubrey V. McCutcheon, E. Harwood Ryan, John V. Sobesky; and for the election for a one-year term, the current president of the Oakland Citizens League.

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