

Convention News

LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMEN



HOUSING RESERVATION DEADLINE -- JUNE 10

BANQUET DEADLINE -- JUNE 15

Reservation deadlines for the Michigan City convention of the L.A.W. have, of necessity, been set well in advance of the convention dates. The war is over, but the effects are not. Many vacations were postponed until after the duration and this, the first postwar year, will see a flood of holiday seekers visiting the resort areas. Railroads expect a peak travel year and the Michigan City Chamber of Commerce faces an herculean task in finding suitable housing for all visitors.

The staff of the Chamber of Commerce has shown a most gratifying willingness to assist the L.A.W. by handling all reservations, and the least that we can do is to get our requests in early to ease the job as much as possible.

The ceiling price for overnight accom-

modations has been removed and as a result the \$1.25 minimum previously reported has been generally raised to \$2.00, so send in your reservation at once to secure the best possible location.

The convention banquet will be held at 7:30, Saturday evening, at a place to be announced later. The price will probably be about \$2.00. Reservations for the banquet must be in by June 15. Everyone knows of the difficulties encountered when purchasing food and those preparing the meal must know well in advance the number to be served.

Please cooperate with the Michigan City folks and avoid trouble and disappointment for yourself by sending your reservations in AT ONCE. Send all reservations to Chamber of Commerce, Michigan City, Indiana.



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Convention Program

The resources of Michigan City in the way of recreational activities, sight-seeing and similar enjoyable diversions seem almost limitless and the convention committee, therefore, decided not to schedule any events other than the banquet and the convention sessions. The banquet will be held at 7:30 on Saturday evening, the first session of the convention at 5:00 P.M., Saturday and the second and final session at 10:00 A.M., Sunday.

It is assumed that the gang will want to spend Saturday evening, after the banquet at the amusement park and at the Oasis Ballroom, one of the largest in the country, with comfortable dancing space for more than 1200 couples.

The remainder of the time can be filled in by the individual as he sees fit in cycling, swimming, or enjoying any other

of the many opportunities for a good time. The place of meeting for the convention sessions and the banquet will be announced later. Information regarding all activities may be secured at the registration desk on the mezzanine floor of the Spaulding Hotel.

GUIDED TOURS BEING PLANNED

Michigan City and its suburbs, the lake shore and sand hills offer opportunities for many beautiful and interesting bicycle rides. To facilitate the enjoyment of these routes and to assist the I.A.W. members in selecting the best roads, a series of guided tours are being planned. These tours will be in charge of Michigan City cyclists who are fully familiar with the entire region. All tours will start at the Spaulding Hotel. Time of departure and objective of each will be announced later.

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CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS AT SPAULDING HOTEL

A registration desk will be found during the convention on the mezzanine floor of the Spaulding Hotel. All conventionairs should report there immediately upon arrival at Michigan City. It is located in the center of town on the main street and has signs that are visible for several blocks in all directions. You will be given, when you register, full information of scheduled events, a map of the city, and location of your living quarters. The convention committee expects to supply badges to all members registering at the convention and it will be necessary, therefore, to make a small registration charge.

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LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMEN

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Please make room reservation for Friday, June 28; Saturday, June 29.
If reservation is for more than one person, attach list of names and state those wishing a room together.

Type of Accommodation Desired
(Hotel, Cottage, Private Home, etc.)

1st choice

2nd choice

Please reserve plates at the Saturday night banquet (List names to avoid duplication).

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Mail to Chamber of Commerce, Michigan City, Indiana

GRAND RAPIDS WANTS  
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are within two blocks of the Auditorium, which is located within a few steps of the main shopping center.

The Grand Rapids Convention Bureau extends a very sincere invitation to the League of American Wheelmen to hold its 1947 convention in Grand Rapids, "The Convention Crossroads of America".

There are many beautiful churches in Grand Rapids and you may be sure to find the church of your choice within easy reach.

Grand Rapids can offer ideal convention facilities for groups ranging in size from less than 100 to 5,000. The Civic Auditorium, designed especially to meet convention needs, has three separate auditoriums where groups of 200, 500 and 5,000 may meet at the same time without conflict or disturbance. Five large committee rooms adjoin the main auditorium - these may be used separately or as a unit. A large exhibit hall contains over 44,000 square feet of display space.

Grand Rapids has many fine features which can be seen on a tour of the city. Some 40,000 persons annually visit the Art Gallery, which has brought national and even international renown to the city for its outstanding circulating exhibitions. Grand Rapids has long been known as the "Furniture Capital", where some of the world's finest furniture is made.

Seven leading hotels provide combined housing facilities for more than 5,000. Three of the newest and largest hotels

The Furniture Museum on Fulton Street Hill is another of the city's unique assets.

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The 27 factories making general household furniture comprise but one of 120 different types of manufacturing establishments in the city. The 450 plants produce such a variety of goods as auto bodies, faucets, marine propellers, refrigerators, horns, elevators, door knobs and jewelry.

The Kent County airport of 300 acres represents an outlay of \$2,800,000. Our Public Museum serves 400,000 annually. A city of home owners, Grand Rapids has enjoyed the distinction of being the second or third city in the United States of over 100,000 population in the percentage of homes owned by their occupants. Throughout the city, visitors will not find a street-car track. At a cost of two million dollars, the city's 18 miles of double street car tracks and 12 miles of single tracks have been removed.

These and other fine features of the city are sources of pride for Grand Rapids citizens. We invite you to Grand Rapids, a good place to live and an ideal convention city.

#### International Friendship Gardens Michigan City, Indiana

##### "The Flower Lover's Paradise"

International Friendship Gardens are, as the name implies, a collection of many types of gardens representing the leading nations of the World, and dedicated to international friendship, unity and understanding. They constitute a mammoth permanent horticultural and floricultural exposition and attract nature lovers from the four quarters of the earth.

The Gardens are located in the heart of the Lake Michigan dunes country, in northern Indiana in what was once the haunt of the Pottawattomie Indians and where Father Marquette made friends with them in 1675. The famous Marquette

Spring is still there, furnishing the water supply for Lake Lucerne, in the heart of which is located the stage of the Theater of Nations.

International Friendship Gardens combine in one vast expanse of over 100 acres all the beauties of an extravagant Nature, amply aided and directed by the hand of man. The rolling sand hills of the typical 'Dunes country' of Lake Michigan, heavily wooded as they are, furnish a lacy green back drop for the many scenic gardens laid out in the rich alluvial soil of Trail Creek valley. In every direction one may look he sees this wall of green in the distance, giving a sense of restful seclusion.

Here, in the quiet of this secluded spot one may roam for hours, entranced at every turn by a new and delightful vista. Here, typical plantings from many nations lie side by side or separated by vast beds of roses or hedges of Arbor Vitae. The Gardens are a veritable study in traditional and modern horticulture and floriculture. They are the mecca for garden clubs and lovers of nature from everywhere. They also form a huge bird sanctuary attracting song birds of infinite variety.

International Friendship Gardens originated at the Century of Progress Exposition held in Chicago in 1933 and 1934. The Gardens won top honors both years and were responsible for 80% of the international publicity received by the Horticultural exhibits. It was here that the Permanent Garden Movement had its birth. After the close of The Century of Progress the Gardens were moved to a hundred acre site near Michigan City, Indiana, 52 miles east and south of Chicago.

Here, amid the beauty already established by Nature, has been developed one of the most extensive plantings of flowers, ornamental plants, shrubbery and trees to be found anywhere in the world. Two hundred and forty-two of the world's celebrities -- presidents, kings, queens,  
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## Welcome - American Wheelmen!

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*The Youngster* will spend hours at the Zoo nestled in the Dunes ... he will be delighted with the antics of the citizens of Monkey Island ... and Kiddieland, with rides just his size, will satisfy his urge for excitement.

*Everyone* will enjoy the clean picnic grounds...the Arcade... the view from the Observation Tower situated atop the highest sand dune...and above all, the cool waters of Lake Michigan and the singing sand beaches.

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governors, dictators, artists, musicians, educators, scientists -- expressed their personal interest in the establishment of the Gardens by naming their favorite flowers, which are immortalized in the Gardens. These international celebrities constitute the charter members of the International Friendship Gardens organization.

Here the finest of operatic, choral and orchestral productions are offered during the summer season under the auspices of the International Friendship Gardens Musical Festivals, Inc. These "music under the stars" offerings attract music lovers from all over America. In fact, they are considered well in the forefront of the list of six or eight similar outdoor theaters.

### Summer Music Festivals ..

One of the outstanding features of the Gardens is the provision made for cultural entertainment. Two outdoor theaters were created amid the trees and the flowers -- the Little Symphony Theater for musicales and smaller attractions and the unique Theater of Nations, the stage of which is built on an island in a small lake in whose still waters is reflected the movement of the actors. The audience is seated on the opposite shore of the lake and on the adjoining hillside which forms a natural amphitheater seating 5,000 spectators.

### Wonderful Vacation Opportunity ..

International Friendship Gardens are located a mile and a half east of Michigan City on U.S. Route 12 and only a short distance from Lake Michigan with its miles of the famous "singing sand" beaches. Washington Park offers complete amusement facilities including bathing, dancing, boating, fishing, picnicking, tennis and a Zoo. Three fine golf courses are open to the public and three motion picture theaters offer the latest in film attractions. In short everything for a vacation is here.

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*During your stay in Michigan City, plan to visit —*

- The "Singing Sand" Beaches Along Lake Michigan
- Washington Park and Zoo
- International Friendship Gardens
- Indiana Dunes State Park

*You will enjoy the many attractions Michigan City has to offer!*

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE

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