

JUNE 13 BIG DAY FOR HERITAGE PARK

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver is hosting a community celebration on Saturday, June 13, to dedicate Heritage Park. This beautiful green space in the middle of downtown is our most splendid accomplishment as an organization and we can show our pride and delight by attending the ceremony.

The dedication will be from 11 p.m. to 12 p.m. at the park, which is on Main street just across the street south of the bank. The street will be blocked off for the festivities, merchants are decorating their storefronts, there will be a tent, speakers, music and, we hope, general gaiety and excitement. The pergola

will have been erected, the lattice work finished and the final picture will be complete. Those of you who haven't seen the park since last fall are in for a pleasant surprise, to put it mildly. Please come and show your appreciation for all the people who worked hard and to pat yourself on the back for helping to put Heritage Park on the map.

Memorial bricks are still selling, and have helped make the park a center of attention for everyone. Of course, we can use continued donations for the upkeep of this beautiful, serene spot on Main Street. But let's hope it won't be serene on June 13 at 11. Let's all hit the bricks for Heritage Park.

\$50,000 OFFER TO LIBRARY

On April 14 a presentation was made at the library board meeting by Attorney Humphrey on behalf of an anonymous donor. \$50,000 was promised to the library if a decision is made to remain and expand in the present location. After Bob Tanguy and Attorney Humphrey explained some possible options that the board might consider, a motion was made to commit to expansion in the present location. This motion was defeated based on the premise that it was too strong at the time.

I would like to offer a brief personal comment and observation:

The open form, attendance at library board meetings by certain individuals,

letters of support, personal intervention and lobbying by several individuals have created a more open attitude on the part of library board members toward preservation and expansion of the Carnegie Library, especially since the Pinnacle Bank offered to sell the bank building, or part of the building, to the library. However, the offer of \$50,000 was a lighting bolt that created a new awareness by the board not of just dollar signs, but how truly important our library is in the life of the community. Hopefully this momentum can bring us to the completion of the mission set by the Antiquarian Society.

Jim Moore

NILS PAULLSON?

Nils Paullson lost his wife and four children in the Titanic disaster. He lived in Culver and worked at the Academy. He was a neighbor of Allen Weaver until 1946 after which his whereabouts are unknown. He is buried with his second wife in Culver.

Does anyone know anything about him. Where did he live in Culver. Are there any family members left? What did he do at the

Academy? Are there any photos of him around?

Gary Lewallen is searing for information about Nils Paullson because of his research into the Culver connection to the Titanic. Please let him know of any information you might have concerning Mr. Paullson. 842-3133.

OUR CD-ROM IS READY!

The CD-ROM, Stories and Traditions of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee, is now available for purchase at Mary's Shoppe, Fisher & Co., Bick's Flicks, The Academy Bookstore, and from John Cleveland. The price is \$30.00

We thank the committee; John Cleveland, Virginia Fisher, Bob Hartman and Pete Trone for their commitment to this project, which was truly a community effort. Jim Peterson and Bob Kreuzberger contributed much time to the undertaking and we also need to thank the dozens of people and organizations who loaned photographs and other material, or gave interviews for use on the CD-ROM. The Marshall County Historical Society was particularly helpful. The project was funded by our Society, the Indiana Historical Society, NIPSCO, and the Marshall County Community Foundation. Historical material was compiled by Laura Thayer of Columbus and the CD-ROM was produced by Robb Springfield of Champaign, Illinois.

It opens with a rendition of "Maxinkuckee Moon," a song popular in the early part of the century, that was

written by local talent Herbert Keller and J. Paul Fogarty and Sung by Janie Gordon of Columbus. You can then select from three areas of interest; Town, Lake and Academy. There is also a Timeline which ties the history of all three areas together. Each area includes an historical overview, a photograph album and related stories.

Among the hundreds of photographs are some of the old train station, steamboats, lake cottages, Academy scenes, old hotels, several views of Main Street, the ice industry, the golf course, to name a few. Stories are based on interviews of area residents, as well as letters, journals, and other written material. Virginia Bair, now deceased, told of her school days, summers spent at the town park, and shortages at her father's store during World War II. Others shared their experiences during the town's two bank robberies, turtle races on the east shore, Fourth of July celebrations, town carnivals and many other occasions.

Those of you lucky enough to have the use of a CD-ROM player will enjoy viewing Stories and Traditions of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee.

LAKE MAXINKUCKEE HISTORIC DISTRICT

The Lake Maxinkuckee Historic District was listed in the Indiana State Register of Historic Sites and Structures on April 29. The State Register was established by law in 1981, and is administered by the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, Department of Natural Resources.

The district, which comprises most of the east shore, is significant for its late nineteenth and early twentieth century domestic architecture, and as an historic resort community on Lake Maxinkuckee, one of the most popular resorts in Indiana in the early twentieth century. Although there are similar lake resorts in the state, Lake Mainkuckee has a high degree of integrity, as well as important historical associations which make it eligible for listing.

State Register properties owned by not-for-profit organizations or local governments are eligible for Hometown Indiana funds. Income-producing properties are eligible for state tax credits. In addition, the Indiana State Register provides a degree of protection

for state funded or assisted construction. It does not, however, limit what a property owner may do with non-state owned property, as long as state funds are not involved.

In addition to listing the district on the State Register, the Indiana Review Board for Historic Preservation voted to nominate it for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register properties are eligible for federal grants-in-aid and receive a degree of protection from federal projects. Income-producing properties are eligible for federal tax credits. Listing does not prevent owners from altering their property if federal funds are not involved. More information about this property or the State and National Register programs may be obtained by calling 317-232-1646, or by writing to the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, 402 W. Washington St., Room W274, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Laura Thayer

East Shore Historic District

Culver, Marshall County, Indiana



----- Boundary (West boundary is east shore of Lake Maxinkuckee).

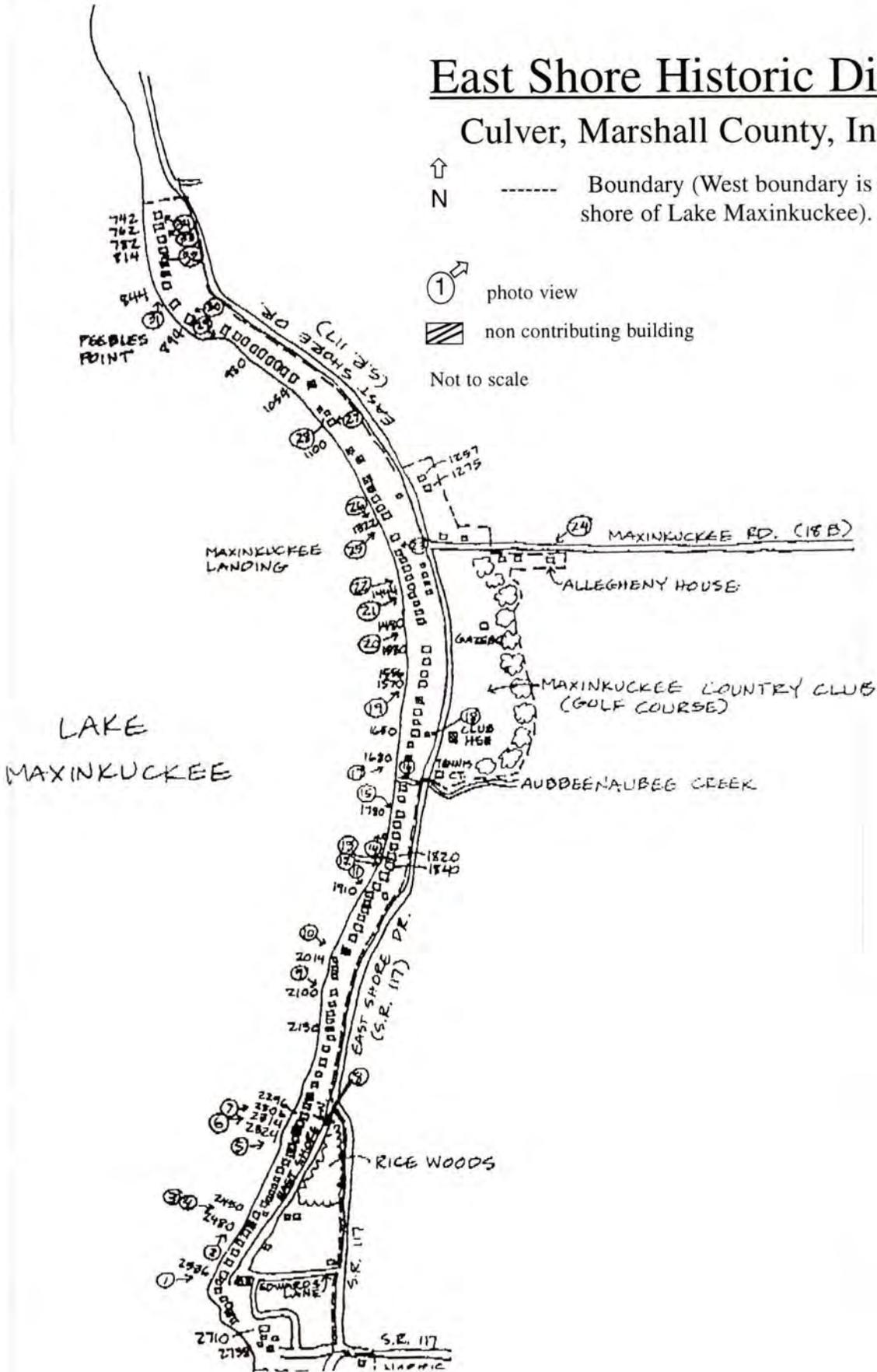


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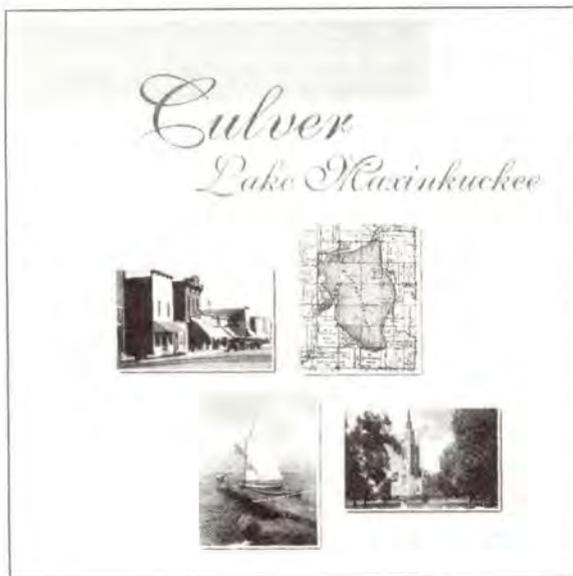
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The New CD-ROM

"Stories and Traditions of Culver and Lake Maxinkuckee" can be purchased for \$30.00 at Mary's Shoppe, Bick's Flicks, Fisher & Co., and the Academy Bookstore.

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The Antiquarian and Historical Society depends on your generous support to fund our many activities.

Annual dues cover the expense of meetings, the newsletter, and the directory, while additional donations make possible such activities as ice cream socials, the designation of historic districts, the CD-ROM project, publication of historic reproductions, and the development of the historic park.

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