

# The Culver Citizen

Consider Culver Special Issue

## We'd Like to Make Your Business Our Industry

By Jean Kibler

Pick up any literature or news release through a local, state, or private public relations office, and you will read a most impressive list of attributes, presenting glowing descriptions of a given town, state, product or service.

So you might ask of us just what can Culver offer? Our answers are both simple and direct.

Culver isn't just a small mid-west agricultural community, it isn't just the home of the Culver Academies. Culver is a feeling, a sense of belonging, being a part of a most unique group, with varied individuals and personalities who make up our town, our Culver.

Culver is hometown U.S.A.; it is, or tries hard to be, everything that represents the best of the American dream, the traditional American work ethic. Culver citizens care about their neighbors, the young, the elderly, those in need.

Our local business community is second to none in its untiring support of our local youth activities; The Culver Jaycees, the VFW and its auxiliary, the Tri Kappa Sorority to name just a few of our service and social organizations, give both time and money to help enrich the lives of our citizens.

Culver is its people; their generosity, sense of caring, of giving is witnessed somehow, somewhere everyday in our community.

Culver is near enough to several large metropolitan areas to allow its citizens to enjoy the shopping or theater, yet far enough away to permit us to keep our Hoosier selves intact.

Our needs are fully met in Culver:

Hospitals and Medical Services are readily available.

Schools, elementary, high school, CMA, CGA, St. Ann's Catholic elementary, several colleges and universities serve the Culver community. Ancilla, IUSB, Notre Dame, St. Mary's, Bethel, Manchester, etc.

Churches of various denominations serve our community to provide spiritual and moral guidance.

Potential businesses looking for a less frantic, less hectic, less

pressured life style can find it here...for themselves and their employees at all levels of management and production. Culver could be the answer to the worry that some expanding business executives face when deciding on new locations to re-settle or enlarge present facilities.

It is not wise to dwell on the pains, the troubles that seem to have infected the larger, more urban metropolitan cities in America today, and yet many of us chose to relocate here in Culver because of the relative safety, comfort and general peace of mind we are all privileged to enjoy.

We want to thoughtfully and carefully expand our community. Clean, light industries would find a most cordial and receptive welcome in and around Culver. New zoning regulations recently passed have enlarged our ability to serve and to assist in establishing new and challenging industries and businesses in Culver.

Culver has a ready work force, willing and able to re-train so as to meet the individual and specialized requirements and needs of its new employers. An inner core of local residents from all walks of life is waiting eagerly to work with interested firms to assist in establishing their roots in our community.

Culver wants you, your business, your industry, to expand, build or relocate in Culver. We can work together. Our local government, our citizens, our existing businesses and industries earnestly want to see this community grow and prosper to meet the needs of the 20th Century and the hopes and challenges of the 21st.

Come to Culver -- let our people show you what we have to offer. We just might be one of the last unpolished gems left in middle America.

Come to Culver -- a place to build your business and watch it grow and prosper -- a town to relocate your own people and to incorporate a part of our work force with yours.

Come to Culver -- a place to live, to raise a family, to enjoy the fruits of your labor.

Come to Culver -- enjoy the beauty of our lake, of our countryside, the charm of Culver.

Come to Culver -- meet our people, allow us to welcome you



into our community, become a part of the Culver experience.

Come to Culver -- we can make a difference, in the quality of your product thru our work force and

the quality of your lives through our people.

Come to Culver -- we are a most unique community with determined willingness to make

working, living and playing a meaningful part of every facet of your day in Culver.

Come to Culver -- we can make a real difference.

## Editorials

### Where in the World? Culver

Where in the world can you find a town with an internationally-famous prep school, a bank known nation-wide for its innovations in customer service, Indiana's second largest natural lake? Culver.

Where can you walk down the street and wave to and speak with so many people you actually know? A small town with the special character of Culver lets you get involved, get to know people. Culver isn't an island apart from the rest of the world and its influences, but it is an oasis for those small town values that make living here so pleasant.

Culver isn't Utopia. We recognize the limitations, and we are working on them. With so many good things going for us, we have an unbeatable momentum, a desire to be even better. And, if we want a solid brass espresso maker, or traffic, or noise, we can always drive to the city to get it...or, better yet, make a mail order.



### Culver Gets Behind Its Future

Special projects call for special talents, and special thanks go to the by lined writers and an editorial committee composed of Jean Rakich, Roy Shepard, John Staples and Jean Williams. Culver is first and foremost its people. It's great to see the diverse talents of a community get behind a worthwhile project.

David H. Gaskill  
Special Issue Editor

### Culver Is Clean

There is no heavy industry in Culver. Its inhabitants prefer to keep it that way. They take pride in their clean, unpolluted air, their freedom from industrial wastes.

An efficient street crew maintains the streets, removing snow in the winter, dust and dirt in the

summer. It maintains the town's sanitary sewer and surface water systems.

Lake Maxinkuckee, which borders the town, tests clean and safe for swimmers. But all lakes, like all of us, have a life span and eventually die.

Lake Maxinkuckee is the town's greatest asset. Residents are

determined to keep the lake alive. It is the very heart of the community.

To preserve it, to delay the deterioration process, to continue to keep it safe for swimming and other lake-related activities, a lake management committee is at work. Cooperation is encouraged and expected.

## Culver Is Clean, Safe, Fun, Accessible, Cultural and Promising

### Culver Is Safe

By Jean Williams

"What a comfort it is to live in Culver," said a recent newcomer to the town. "Culver is removed from big city crime; traffic is minimal; our children are safe on the streets; life-guards and supervisors protect us in the park. There is an excellent police department, an excellent well-equipped fire department, a dedicated staff of medical technicians and two ambulances fully equipped for emergencies."

She added, "Even at night, I am reasonably free of anxiety when my children are away from home."

The Lake Shore Clinic is staffed with two medical doctors and six additional employees in Culver. The nearest hospital is 16 miles away in the town of Plymouth. Two dentists, two pharmacies and a large nursing home round out Culver's health care services.



### Culver Is Fun

A wide variety of relaxing diversions provides fun for residents of Culver. Lake Maxinkuckee lures the fisherman, the swimmer, the water skier. Sailing, boating and canoeing prevail as well as picnics in the Town Park, located on the north shore.

A corn roast sponsored annually by the Lions Club, hikes along Lake Maxinkuckee, summer parades at the Academy, Woodcraft council

fires in the Bird Sanctuary, polo games, bowling and roller skating: almost every recreational activity is available in Culver.

There are golf courses, tennis courts, and bicycling too, with races sponsored around the lake.

Culver boasts a good library for source material as well as recreational reading. Gardening is a relaxation for many, the most fun derived from sharing the produce.

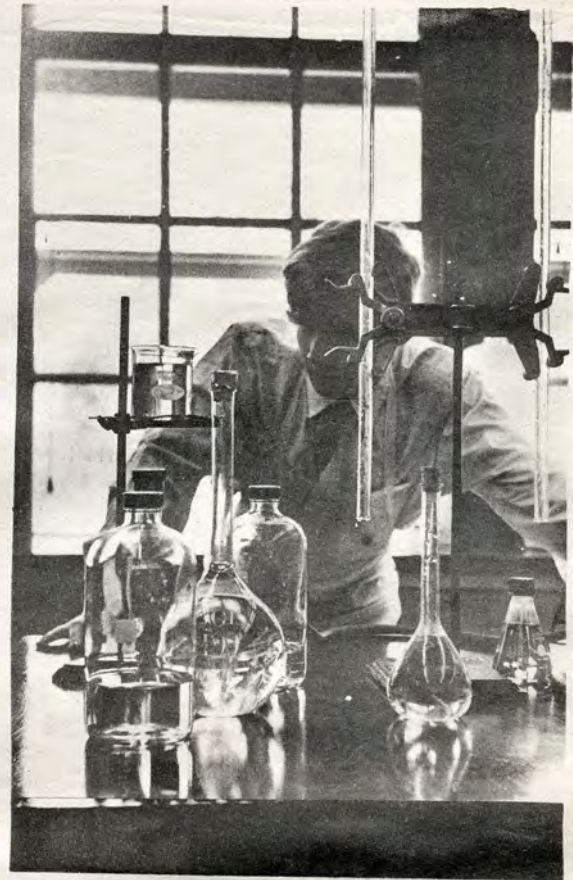
## Culver Is Promising

Culver isn't a big town. There are only about 1600 inhabitants, not counting the Academy, which borders the town, and not counting the lake shore, where many are year-round residents. Many come to Lake Maxinkuckee only in the summer as a retreat from Indianapolis, Logansport, Chicago and other larger communities.

Everyone likes the rural atmosphere -- corn on the cob in the summer, snow-mobiling and ice fishing in the winter, even the contest to guess the date of the winter's last ice on the lake.

What is sacred to folks in Culver is its small town friendliness and warmth. Of utmost importance is its promise to maintain comfortable economic security without losing its small town charm.

Culver is unique. Large enough to provide most of everyone's needs, close enough to bigger cities and towns (Plymouth, South Bend and Chicago) to attain the extras. Just a little additional growth will keep the economy stabilized and stimulated enough to fulfill Culver's promise for the future -- a promise to continue to protect Culver and its lake from pollution, to continue to keep Culver clean, safe, cultural and FUN with a sound economic base for its inhabitants.



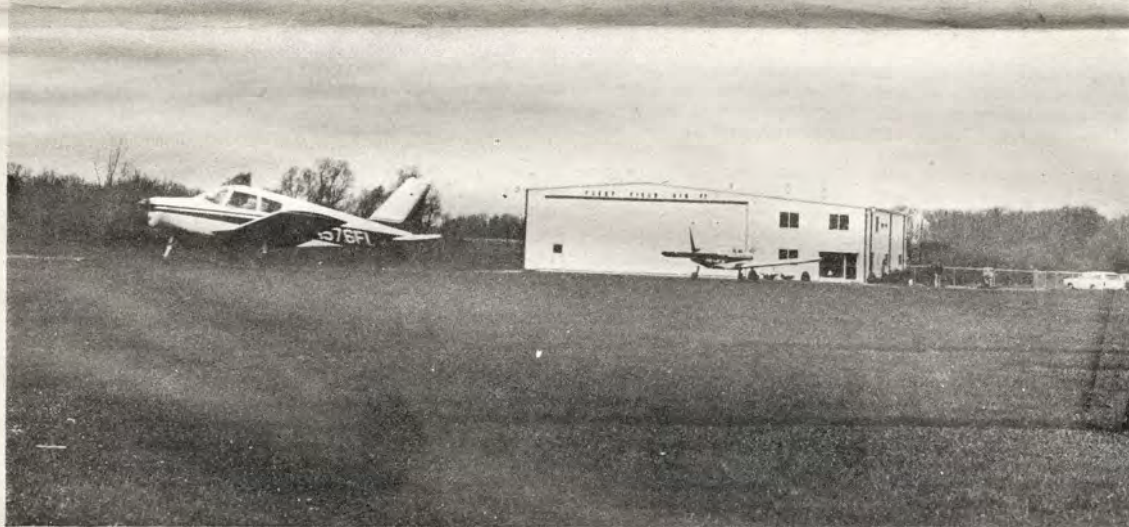
## Culver Is Accessible

Only 14 miles from Plymouth and 46 miles from South Bend Culver is situated just 100 miles from Chicago and 110 from Indianapolis...easy driving distances.

Air travel is available from South Bend, Indianapolis and Chicago. Culver has an airport, serving mostly students and alumni of the Culver Academies, but special permission may be granted by the Academy superintendent for business executives to use the airport for single engine planes.

Indiana highways 10 and 17, bordering Culver, provide easy access to U.S. 30 (Chicago and Fort Wayne) and other points north. Indiana 31, 10 miles east of Culver, gains access to Indianapolis and points south.

While Culver is considered a pleasant retreat, it is close to where the action is -- by car, truck or air.



## Culver Is Cultural

Eppley Auditorium on the Culver Academies campus, is described by Harvey Firari, director of theater, as "a little mecca of culture at Culver." He quotes Mark Twain, portrayed at Eppley by Hal Holbrook, an Academy graduate, in saying that "Theater is an influence. Everything in the world is accomplished by influences which train and educate."

Dedicated in 1959, Eppley Auditorium has always had an open door policy welcoming the public to performances by students of the Academies as well as to programs in the annual concert series.

Some of the finest professional

artists in the world have performed There: Marcel Marceau, Dame Judith Anderson, Lillian Gish, John Denver, to name a few. The Indianapolis Symphony has played there; the Electric Circus has performed there. Agnes DeMille and Vincent Price have lectured there. Students in the local high school have been invited to attend programs, often free or for a nominal charge.

Joshua Logan, a native son, Academy graduate and an internationally known producer and director of Broadway and Hollywood productions, consulted in the design of Eppley Auditorium, whose programs are a major factor that makes living in Culver enjoyable for us.

Maxinkuckee Players, formed in the spring of 1980, adds another dimension to Culver. Beginning small, the number of participants in the summer has risen to 50 or 60.

Members of the Players come from different walks of life and various areas surrounding Culver. Each summer, one musical is presented, such as "Showboat" in the auditorium of the Junior-Senior High School.

Originally, this group was started for summer theater only; but due to demand, other shows are given during the rest of the year. A variety show is presented in February, and many programs are given for groups who request performances.





## Farming Is Agribusiness

By Marie Newman

From pioneer days to today, farming in Union Township and the Culver area has been a leading business. Changes in livestock, dairy and grain production have gone from the horse-drawn one-bottom plow to the \$100,000 tractor pulling 10 to 12-bottom plows and similar planters, combines and corn pickers.

Large 400-bushel capacity trucks haul grain directly to the Fulton-Marshall Farm Bureau Co-op in Culver and to Buckeye Feed and Milling Co. in Monterey for sale and storage. Buckeye is one of Indian's largest grain and storage centers, capable of handling six million bushels of corn and two million bushels of soybeans grown each year in the area, and it can store 4.5 million bushels of grain.

An area dairy farm has 250 head of registered Holsteins using individual computerized feeding. Another has 175 head, and many smaller dairy herds combine to produce much more than the big dairy farms. These farms have milking parlors and 400 to 1,000-gallon milk cooling tanks. Transports carrying 2,500 gallons deliver milk to nearby processing plants.

Hay is an important crop on area farms. Russ and Steve Ulery's

Lockhorn Hay Co. cubes alfalfa hay and ships the bagged hay cubes to areas where hay is not as plentiful.

Morrison Livestock and Trucking buys and transports hogs and beef cattle by the semi-load to eastern markets. Osborn Seed Co. in Burr Oak processes seed wheat, oats and soybeans raised in the area and sells direct to farmers and wholesale to elevators. Bigley's Orchard markets 30-35 varieties of apples at its own farm local market and throughout the midwest.

Our Young Farmers organization won an award with local Emergency Medical Technicians for their Farm Accident Prevention demonstration at a recent Farm Progress Show. Martin Mahler has developed and is marketing an on-farm alcohol still that produces 180-proof alcohol for use in his farm vehicles and many uses beyond gasohol. Corn he previously fed to his cattle is now fed into the still, and the by-product or stilage retains the same food value for his livestock. We also have a farm inventor who has developed a patent for a new planter that has more than doubled soybean production in test plots.

The Culver area has an alert, progressive farm community.

## Retail Businesses:

### Solid Base for a Solid Community

By: Andrew A. Vernum

What makes a community solid? Commerce, of course, is the magnet that attracts and holds a community together. Witness the demise of commerce and you witness the demise of a community.

Businesses nationwide have suffered more in the past two years than at any other time since the Great Depression. In spite of this, Culver commerce has not only maintained its strength but has also grown. Within these same two years, five new commercial ventures have chosen Culver as their base. All of these are family-

owned, as are most of the retail businesses in Culver.....some for three generations.

Close community spirit contributes a great deal to the stability of Culver commerce. In an increasingly impersonal world, personal service is refreshing and rare. Frankly, we're proud of it! This caring attitude, though unique today, does not mean we are old-fashioned. Today's retailer, no matter where the market, must be progressive and forward-thinking. We try to combine old fashioned values with up-to-date marketing methods. Maybe Culver offers the best of both worlds.

## Real Estate Provides Many Pleasant Surprises

By Milan S. Rakich, Building Commissioner

If you've never visited Culver, you're in for a pleasant surprise. Culver is an area like few others, a community that combines urban flair with rural charm and a residential lake resort. You will also find prices relatively inexpensive compared to metropolitan areas.

Culver has room for industrial expansion to accommodate new industries. The area's plan commission has designated over 100 acres for industrial development on the west side of town adjoining State Road 17.

The Economic Development Corporation envisions attracting light industry, such as service and electronics-oriented industries, regional offices, research laboratories, pilot plants and small

to medium manufacturing facilities.

Culver offers a variety of lifestyles, depending on where you may want to live. You will have a choice of single family homes in town or in a rural setting, apartments, multiple or two-family homes, condominiums or lake-front homes.

Property values vary in a range from \$20,000 for a "handyman special" to as much as \$500,000 for a lake residence. If you are thinking of building a home, land is available at reasonable prices.

The Culver area takes pride in its quality of life and has developed a comprehensive plan to assure a balanced community. Culver's zoning covers everything within the town, plus the lake district and rural guidelines within a two-mile corporate limits.

## Good Will Builds State Exchange Bank

By Latham L. Lawson

A recent radio ad of the State Exchange Bank of Culver spoke of this noted banking institution as "The bank that Good Will built." Were they speaking of "good will" as a product or as a person "good Will"? It could be both.

W. O. Osborn began working at the State Exchange Bank in 1907. Starting as an assistant cashier, he worked his way up to president in 1951. He continued to hold this office until his retirement in 1980. When he began his association with the bank, it was a small rural business. Before his retirement, it had become the ninth largest bank in Indiana and was listed in the nation's top 100 banks. This then is truly the bank that "good Will" built.

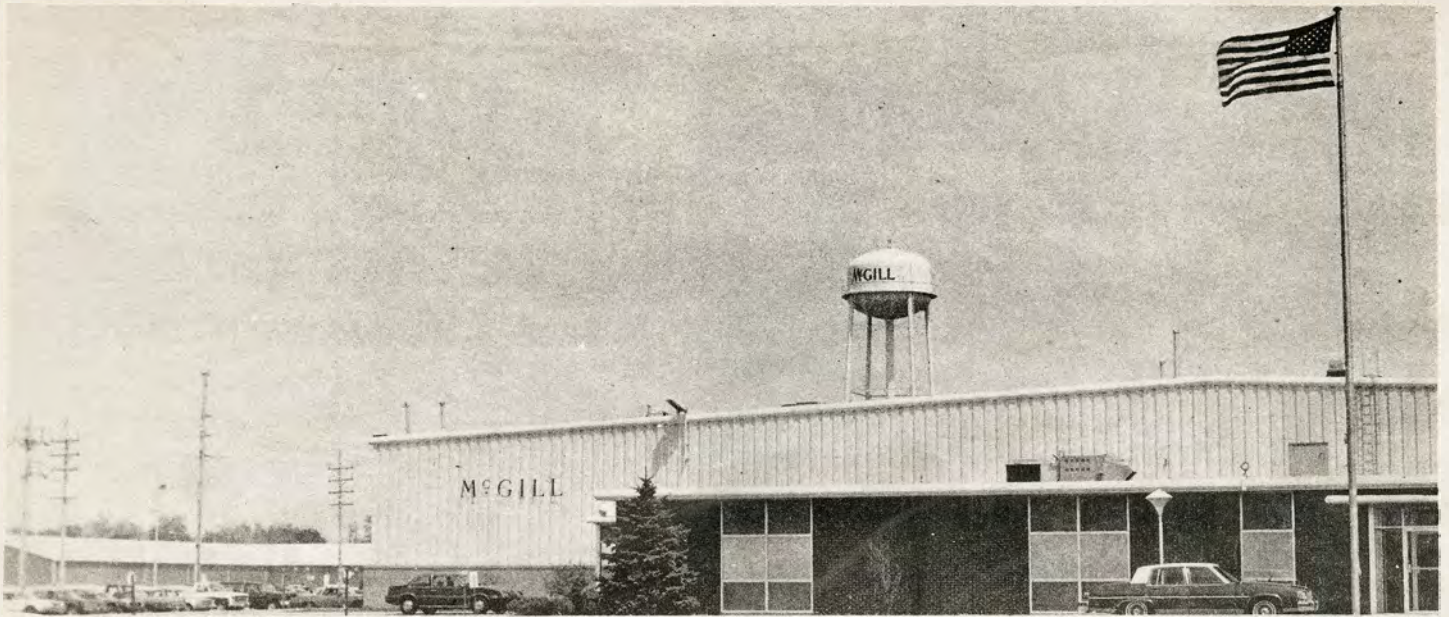
A sizeable bank is built on more than sound business principles. It must have community support. The State Exchange Bank in Culver has long worked at its community responsibilities. As early as World War II, it was making a free meeting room available to civic and educational groups.

Since 1958, the bank has offered a number of college scholarships every year to local youth. The bank has a standing record of purchasing 4-H championship stock. It has supported local businesses and local property owners through good times and bad. This then is truly the bank that "good will" built.

In its long history (since 1906), the State Exchange Bank of Culver has been a pioneer in depositor services and community relations. It began opening for night business as early as 1927. In 1936 it installed one of the area's first camera check recorders.

This banking institution led the way in loan insurance, crop loans to farmers, free cafeteria meals for its employees, and a profit sharing bonus plan based on employee wages.





## Willing Assistance For Industries Considering Culver

By Roy Shepard, President  
Culver Chamber of Commerce

Where else can you find a place to locate your business that offers as much as Culver? All of the necessary elements for a successful venture are in Culver. Excellent location -- within a two hour drive of Chicago, Indianapolis, or South Bend. A limited use airfield with a 1500-foot lighted runway is available.

Culver, with a population of 1600, on the south end of Marshall County (population 40,000) has only one sizeable industry which employs 160 people. Total employment in Culver is presently 10 percent lower than it was a year ago, and we have a workforce eager to learn your operation and fully cooperate with you to produce your product.

More than adequate services are available. Electrical power, provided by Northern Indiana Public Service Company, has a 57 percent excess capacity, while offering natural gas service to new users with no restrictions. There is unlimited availability of propane and number 2 fuel oil. Telephone service is excellent and more than adequate. Culver is serviced by more than 15 motor freight lines providing daily service.

City services are among the most modern available. Our 16 member volunteer Fire Department has an excellent rating, with several new units on the department. The Culver-Union Township Emergency Medical Team is the envy of its peers in cities as large as South Bend. Our Police Department is staffed with three full-time officers and several volunteers, which seems small, but when you consider that crime is almost non-existent in Culver, the force is adequate.

There are two building sites available, outside of the Culver city limits, that are zoned light industrial. Our Industrial Development Committee and city officials stand ready to assist an interested firm in finalizing site details.

Looking for a place to relocate? Where there is much fun? I can say for myself Culver is the place to be. We are now building a Dairy Queen. During the summer you can go swimming and fishing. In the winter you can go ice fishing and skating. I like to live in Culver so I can take advantage of these places and seasonal sports.

Patty Cissna  
Grade 6

I like to live in Culver because it's a small town. I think it would be better if it had more industry though because it would make it a more interesting town. Culver might not need it though because then it might become polluted. I like it as it is but it doesn't have enough jobs.

Bonnie Schroeder,  
Grade 6

I like to live in Culver because it's clean and unpolluted. Everywhere you look there's trees and streams, and of course our lake. Many people live here but since it is a small town we don't have much jobs. But we manage. Our lake is very pretty and our environment is very beautiful.

Veronica Dambrauskas  
Grade 6

I like to live in Culver because it's an exciting town. When I say exciting I mean because there's a lot of things to do! Recently we've had a roller-rink built! And right now they're building condominiums and a Dairy Queen. That's exciting! The people are friendly, and it's a very comfortable town to live in. I can't think of a better place to live than Culver!

Stacey Richards,  
Grade 6



# WHY CULVER?

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CULVER  
MILITARY  
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## We're Proud to

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## Culver is CLEAN...



## Culver is SAFE...



## Culver is FUN ...



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Mr. & Mrs. Donald Slyh  
The State Exchange Bank  
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Strang  
William J. Washburn  
Jean Williams  
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Winters

...and **ACCESSIBLE**



...and **CULTURAL**



...and **PROMISING**



# History Dates to 1836

By John William Houghton

Stories passed down in the families of its earliest settlers declare that the arrival of Culver's founding mothers and fathers in July of 1836 was marked by the sounding of a conch shell, as a signal to those who had acted as harbingers for the main party. At twilight of a hot summer day, on the highlands east of the lake already named Maxinkuckee, the ox-drawn wagons that had plodded north along the Michigan Road from Rush County were finally drawn to a halt, and the British immigrants, driven to this frontier by an international depression, staked their claim to the land of the Indians, Jesuits, and *coureurs du bois* by blowing a sea-shell horn.

At least one earlier settlement had been planned for the area, but the first village to meet with any success on the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee was called Union Town when it was laid out by its proprietor, Bayless Dickson, in 1844. Its setting on the north side of the large glacial lake, within two miles of the camp site of '36, made the village at once pleasant to live in and convenient to the various farming families for whom it served as a trading center.

The village grew, and (after passing from the Dicksons to their cousins the Houghtons) eventually left proprietary status altogether; in 1851, the name of the development was changed to Marmont, to honor a Marshal of France who had deserted Napoleon to support the Bourbons.

Marmont remained until 1895. During that time, the lake began to attract to the area its second major constituency, the vacationers. At first, these were merely residents of Plymouth, the county seat, who had benefitted sufficiently from the county's growth to be able to afford a summer home miles away on the high eastern banks of the Indians, "lake of sparkling water". As transportation became easier with the completion of the Vandavia Railroad in 1883, the summer settlements increased. As hotels were opened, the first commercially successful steamboats appeared on the lake.

This pleasant farming town with its collection of outlying summer colonies spread out on the west, north and east shores of the lake, it had particular appeal to one St. Louis businessman who, had while travelling as a stove salesman, early in his life, met and married a farmer's daughter from the east side of Maxinkuckee. So when Henry Harrison Culver's poor health required him to quit active management of the Wrought Iron Range Company, he returned to the area where his wife, Emily Jane Hand, had grown up and begun to devote himself to charitable projects. His efforts to begin a county fairground were unsuccessful, and when the Chatauqua movement did catch on in the area, it was years later, and on the other side of the lake from the property on which Mr. Culver had introduced the idea.

Finally, Mr. Culver decided to

turn his hand to education, and he founded the Culver Military Institute (later Academy) in July of 1894. Within a year, the school burned to the ground, but Mr. Culver rebuilt it in fireproof brick, steel and stone. It was at this point that he remarked about the lake that had so attracted him: "While fishing there one day I caught a fine seven-pound bass, and, sir, that bass has cost me \$250,000."

His determined philanthropy won the admiration of the town residents, and, in 1895, at the petition of 100 voters, Marmont changed its name to Culver City (Mr. Culver smoothed the way by arranging for an earlier Culver, Indiana, to change its name to Crane; later, the Post Office asked that "city" be dropped, and the town has been simply Culver ever since).

By the time of Mr. Culver's death in 1897, his school, which had combined with (Confederate) Colonel A. F. Fleet's fire-ravage Missouri Military Academy, was on a steady course that has since led it to become, as The Culver Educational Foundation, one of the nation's premier preparator schools.

In the 86 years since Henry Harrison Culver's death, the town that named itself after him has changed in many outward appearances. The tourist industry reached some sort of a peak in the tens and twenties, when the railroad ran six trains a day to Maxinkuckee in the season, and writers of the "Hoosier Renaissance" summered in the area. Improved transportation since then has meant that the lake population has returned to its original nature as a summer colony.

The Town Park on the north shore of the lake is still one of the best swimming sites on the lake, and the crowds there in the summer show that the idea of an afternoon at Maxinkuckee has, with its clear spring water and tree-lined shores, power to attract people even today.

Various small industries of the past have been lost through time—the refrigerator, for example, has more or less obviated the former ice-harvesting industry—but new ones have been gained, particularly a branch of the McGil Corporation, manufacturing bearings in an industrial park on the west side of town.

The various trades and businesses, which were the town's original reason for being, can still be found along Main Street, though they have reached northward since those days and now line Lake Shore Drive and State Road 10.

East of Lake Shore Drive is the vast campus of the Educational Foundation; near Fleet Field, its private airport, where student pilots' take-off and landing patterns bring low flying planes over the ancient council sites of the Potawatomi Indians, there still stands a stone marking the place where the weary families of 1836 camped and blew their conch-shell horn.



## Favorite Sons Who's Who

Compiled by Dave Gaskill and John Staples

Every area has favorite sons, but Culver has been especially blessed by many celebrities whose roots have gained nourishment around the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee.

As a boy, William O. Osborn delivered newspapers to Henry Harrison Culver, a St. Louis industrialist who married an area girl and founded Culver Military Academy "from the mists of his boyhood dreams." on the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee. Mr. Osborn went on to a 74-year local banking career into the 1980's, distinguished nationally by his innovations in service to customers, employees and the community. He also served as a director of The Culver Educational Foundation.

Joshua Logan grew up in Culver, attending local schools and churches before graduating from the Academy in 1927 and heading to Broadway and Hollywood as a writer, director or producer of such shows as "South Pacific", "Mister Roberts", "Picnic", and "Annie Get Your Gun." The Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright received the Academy's Man of the Year Award in 1979.

Frank Hugh Sparks grew up on a farm south of town and graduated from Culver High School in 1910. He soon joined with Quentin Noblitt to found what is now Arvin Industries before continuing his formal education. A month before earning his doctorate, he fulfilled his goal by being selected as president of Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind., where he combined his business acumen and his academic credentials. He went on to found and head the Associated Colleges of Indiana and the National Council of Financial Aid to Higher Education to provide corporate support to private colleges and universities in place of tax subsidies.

Lake Maxinkuckee has also been the home of such summer residents as Hoosier poet James Whitcomb Riley; author Kurt Vonnegut, who grew up in the Vonnegut Orchard on East Shore Drive; author, soldier, diplomat Lew Wallace, who wrote part of "Ben Hur" at the Allegheny House hotel on Maxinkuckee Road; author Meredith Nicholson, whose "House of 1,000 Candles" still stands at 762 East Shore Drive; and Cole Porter's piano playing became something of a drawing

card for Captain Crook's steamboat, which carried passengers from the train depot to their cottages and hotels around the lake, and the experience is said to have been the inspiration for a number of his songs.

Alumni have gone on to lead in numerous fields and look back fondly to their formative years at Culver. Some of these leaders include:

### In the Arts

- Joshua Logan '27, theatrical producer
- Hal Holbrook '42, actor
- Gene Siskel '63, film critic
- Ernest Gann '30, novelist

### In Business

- J. Paul Austin '33, chairman of the board, Coca-Cola
- Robert J. Vlasic '44, president, Vlasic Foods
- W. Paul Tippett, Jr. '49, chairman, American Motors Corp.
- Frank R. Denton '18, chairman of the board, Mellon Nation Bank and Trust
- Charles Bishop '31, president, Pendleton Woolen Mills
- Dale W. McMillen, Jr. '32, president, Central Soya Co.

### In the Media

- Charles Brumback '46, president, Chicago Tribune
  - Smith Hempstone '46, syndicated columnist
  - Jenkin Lloyd Jones '27, editor and publisher, Tulsa Tribune
  - Andrew Malcolm '62, Chicago Bureau Chief, New York Times
  - Charles C. Spink '35, retired publisher, The Sporting News
- ### In Politics
- Senator Lowell Weicker '48, Connecticut
  - Congressman Elwood Hillis '44, Indiana
  - Congressman J. William Stanton '42, Ohio
  - Senator George Smathers, Naval '29, Florida (retired)

### In Professional Sports

- George Steinbrenner '48, owner, New York Yankees
- Kenneth 'Bud' Adams '40, owner, Houston Oilers
- Lamar Hunt, Woodcraft '41, owner, Kansas City Chiefs
- Roger Penske, Woodcraft '50, race car driver and owner
- Talbot Smith '50, former general manager, Houston Astros
- John R. Gaines '46, owner, world's largest thoroughbred horse-breeding farm.

## What's a Hoosier?

There are almost as many explanations of the origin of the name "Hoosier" as there are Hoosiers.

The early Indiana settlers may have responded to a knock on the door with "Who's here?," a reply that may have earned us our own nickname. Another variation on this story contends that the old greeting was "Who's yer?"

Other explanations may be less familiar, but you can take your pick of several possibilities:

Perhaps Hoosier was derived from the Anglo-Saxon word "hoo", meaning a rustic person; then again, it could have come from an Indian word for corn, hoosa; it's also possible that it came from Sam Hoosier, a canal foreman who preferred to hire workers from Indiana; another possible source may have been Aaron Short, the Indiana boxer known as the formidable "husher" because he could hush any challenger.

Another less distinguishing possibility is the old Southern term "hoozer," used to describe a tobacco-spitting backwoodsman.

Whatever the original source, the nickname first appeared in print in 1833 when an Indianapolis newspaper published a poem by John Finley, "The Hoosier's Nest."

The next time you wonder about the origin of the state nickname, you'll have plenty of possible explanations.



James A. Henderson, president and chief operating officer of Cummins Engine Co., Columbus, Ind., grew up in Culver as the son of the Academy's dean of admissions. He went on to Princeton and Harvard before joining Cummins. He also serves as president of The Culver Educational Foundation's board of directors.





## Culver Educational Foundation Programs Achieve Worldwide Fame

By John Staples

Culver's fame as an educational center has spread worldwide since 1894 when Henry Harrison Culver established his military school on the shore of Lake Maxinkuckee.

Today, The Culver Educational Foundation operates Culver Military Academy, Culver Girls Academy, and the Culver Summer Schools and Camps with a combined enrollment of more than 3,000. Students and campers come from 41 states and 20 foreign countries. The campus spreads over 1,500 acres and includes an airport, inn, and academic and athletic facilities that are the envy of many colleges.

Long regarded as the Midwest's premier boarding school, Culver's academic program has been endorsed by committees from Harvard, Yale, and the University of Michigan; and, in the 1960's,

Stanford University rated the Academy as one of the nation's top five preparatory schools.

Since the beginning of the National Merit Scholar program, Culver has produced more finalists, semi-finalists, and commended students than all other Midwestern boarding schools combined. The faculty includes several members with doctorate degrees and the Academy provides more readers of College Board examinations (four to six annually) than any other school. A chapter of the Cum Laude Society, the preparatory school equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa, has been active at Culver since 1925.

Virtually all Culver graduates pursue higher education and studies confirm that 85 percent earn at least a bachelor's degree. In recent years, graduating seniors have been admitted to more than 150 colleges, including Harvard,

Yale, Princeton, Dartmouth, Northwestern, Duke, Smith, Mount Holyoke, Stanford, Vanderbilt, and the service academies.

Culver's commitment to excellence has also produced an athletic program unrivaled in quality and diversity at the secondary school level. The Eagles have won the state hockey championship for five consecutive years, the polo team is the perennial national champion with eight U.S. titles since 1970, and the soccer team has been in the state finals for three straight years. In all, Culver sponsors 30 varsity and junior varsity teams in every traditional sport, as well as in fencing, crew, lacrosse, rifle, equestrian jumping, and rough riding.

A renowned Culver tradition is the Black Horse Troop, a fixture in presidential inaugural parades from Woodrow Wilson to Ronald

Reagan. With 140 horses, the Troop is the largest remaining cavalry unit in the United States. Summer programs, which date from 1902, include the Woodcraft Camp for boys and girls, ages 9-14; and four schools for students of high school age: Naval, Cavalry, Aviation, and School for Girls. Specialty camps are offered in sailing, gymnastics, riding, tennis, hockey, rifle, reading skills, wrestling, volleyball, basketball and aquatics.

Culver is governed by a 24-member board of directors, 22 of whom are alumni. The Academy's 11th superintendent, Dean Ralph N. Manuel, former dean and vice-president of Dartmouth College, succeeded Dean John R. Mars in September, 1982.

The CEF board has launched a \$47 million fund drive, the second largest campaign in the history of American secondary education.

Successful completion of the drive will place Culver among the four most heavily-endowed schools in the nation (together with Andover, Exeter, and St. Paul's) and will provide for extensive campus renovation and modernization of energy systems.

The town of Culver and the Academy enjoy a strong and cordial relationship. Faculty members serve on town boards and are active in its churches and civic organizations. All athletic events, parades, and fine arts programs are open to townspeople, and the Academy provides fields for Marshall County's youth soccer league.

The Academy is, by far, the largest employer in Culver with a faculty and staff of 500. Each year, around 84 day students from the local community are enrolled in winter and summer schools.

## Community Schools Serve 1216 Students, Parts of Four Counties

By William F. Mills,  
Superintendent

Culver Community Schools is a small town, rural school system. It consists of three buildings which house around 1,216 students. Culver Community School Corporation is unique in that it is the only school system in the state of Indiana made up of parts of four counties.

School policy is set by the Board of Education consisting of seven elected members. It has an administration building in which the Superintendent directs operations of the school system. This building also houses the corporation treasurer, secretary and a vocational director for this school and nine other school corporations belonging to a cooperative.

The Monterey Elementary School houses grades K-6 with 174 students. It is located in the small town of Monterey, Tippecanoe Township, Pulaski County. It is an attractive red brick building with an addition built in the 1950's. It has a library and art room, recently remodeled.

Culver Elementary School houses 507 students in Culver. This facility was built in the 1950's with some remodeling done the past couple of years. It has a new kindergarten room, remedial reading room, nurse's quarters and speech and hearing room.

Strong emphasis has been given to the fundamentals in reading, writing and math. Strong discipline is encouraged. The elementary students have access to a counselor, school nurse, and librarian.

There are two full-time remedial reading teachers employed in the elementary school to help those students with problems in reading.

There are classes for the learning disabled and educationally retarded as well as speech classes for students in need of such attention. There is a program for gifted students. Both elementary buildings are well equipped with teaching materials and supplies, library materials, audio-visual materials and computers.

All elementary students have an opportunity to use computers. All elementary students are offered art, music, and physical education along with their regular classes. They are taught by specially trained teachers. Art rooms, music room and physical education facilities are available for all students.

The newest building in the corporation is the Jr.-Sr. High School, which houses students in grades 7-12. We offer a strong college preparatory curriculum. About 40 percent of our graduates go on to some type of higher learning and most do quite well. The Jr.-Sr. High School is especially strong in Science and Math.

Culver Community Schools Corporation offers more vocational courses than most school systems its size. We offer vocational agriculture, business, home economics and building trades. The High School has a good fine-arts program, and the community is especially proud of its band, which has won many contests and parades over the years.

A complete set of extra-curricular activities is offered to students in order to provide many

opportunities to develop leadership qualities in clubs and athletics. Athletic opportunities are available for girls as well as boys.

Special Education and Gifted Programs are ongoing at the Jr.-Sr. High School. Computer instruction is available for students. All classrooms and departments are large, well equipped and attractive.

Culver Community Schools is fairly conservative. It has a moderate tax rate and stresses the academic, yet we try to provide for the needs of all students. Culver Community Schools Corporation strives to teach self-discipline and respect for others. The majority of the teaching staff has masters degrees and are permanent teachers. Patrons in the Culver Community Schools Corporation take pride and support the school system.



## Recreational Opportunities Are Endless

By Richard L. Balkema

Culver is many things to those interested in the process of "getting away" from it all, "getting involved," or simply "becoming active again."

Culver is a place for those interested in "getting away" in the quiet of an early-morning jog along the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee. It's a quiet walk through nearby woods, a leisurely bicycle ride over rolling country roads, or the ballet at the town's Beach Lodge. Culver is mid-winter cross country skiing as a brilliant late afternoon sun paints the woods and snow, first with its reds later swallowed up in the greys and blues of a quiet evening.

Culver is a place for those wanting to "get involved" in more competitive ventures. There seems to be a soccer team for almost every age group of boys and girls, first, to learn the game's fundamentals and then, to experience the excitement of inter-city competition.

There's a bowling team for almost every mom or dad or brother or sister or...who'd like to hit 300. There's a little league for the boys, softball for the girls, and summer baseball for the older teenagers. There's even softball for the "old boys."

And pick a Saturday or Sunday between Memorial Day and late Autumn. Almost any Saturday. Any Sunday. The sight of multi-colored sails of the "Hobie Fleet" of the Lake Maxinkuckee Yacht Club going to the starting line is something not to be quickly forgotten; either by those going to the line or those simply enjoying the sight of it all from the shoreline of the park.

Nor would one soon forget the sight of 30 to 40 white sails of the "C's" cast against the blue of an October day during the national C-Scow invitational regatta. And, for

the hearty, Culver is the "Great Maxinkuckee Bike Race" or a mini-triathlon commencing in the city's park.

And Culver is a high school basketball coach saying, with no apologies, "Sure we want to win, but we're going to have fun and that's just as important as win-

ning."

And Culver is starting again. Whether it's bridge or ballet, soccer or sailing. Or the opportunity for some golf or tennis with a friend. It's a place where opportunities seem to know no end at "getting away" or "getting involved."

## Wife Finds People Greatest Asset

By: Linda L. Babcock

My first good look at Culver was in January, 1970. All was snow-covered and quiet. The only sound I heard was the hum of the washing machines at the laundromat. I remember thinking about ways to spend my free time for there were no art museums, no Grant Park and no Opera House here.

Then I thought of a more crucial problem. How was I going to spend my husband's money? There were no shopping centers here either: those wonderful places that I had grown accustomed to and depended on. However, like any resourceful bride, I learned quickly.

Thirteen years and three children later, I've realized that Culver's greatest asset is its people. Culver is that quiet and peaceful sanctuary where I've been greeted with friendly faces and warm smiles.

For me Culver is:

the kindergarten teacher who developed in my son an enthusiasm for school;

the Girl Scout leaders who instilled in my daughter values of friendship and cooperation;

the neighbor who carried my hurt child home;

and the special friend who rode with me to the hospital when my child needed surgery.

That's Culver - its people.



## From the Mouths of Babies

Before my family moved to Culver, we lived in a small town where the kids used drugs, and it wasn't half as nice as Culver.

Randy Retschlag  
Grade 4

I like to live in Culver because it is small and you can't get lost really. And you can get a paper route and you don't really have to go far away from your house and so you won't get lost.

Rodney McCallister  
Grade 4

Culver is a terrific town to live in. There are great people. The town is not very big, but you'll like it. You can see Lake Maxinkuckee and Culver Military Academy. There are great stores. My dad owns a store. It is called Mr. T's. It has a soda fountain, the only one in Marshall County. Pretty soon we will have condominiums.

Ryan Tusing  
Grade 5

Lake Maxinkuckee is my favorite thing about Culver. In the summer you can go swimming. Sail boating on a breezy day is enjoyable. Fishing is a popular sport on the lake. Many people like to go water skiing, too. Ice fishing in the winter is fun. When the lake is frozen you can go ice skating with or without skates.

Ginger Udry,  
Grade 5

I like to live in Culver because there are lots of things to do. You can go roller skating, go bowling or to the movies and there are lots of other things, too. In the summer you can go to the beach and go swimming. In the winter you can go ice skating, sledding or even skiing. There are lots of nice restaurants or places where you can get ice cream or just goodies.

Amber Patton,  
Grade 5

What I like about Culver is the wilderness. I like the trees and flowers. I like the quiet most of all.

Aaron McAnally  
Grade 3

I like to live in Culver because I like to swim in the lake in the summer time. In the winter time I like to go ice skating. I think Culver is a nice place to be.

Amy Tanner  
Grade 3

I like living in Culver because it's small. Also because it has a lake. It also has some stores that are nice to shop at. In the summer there are many things to do; you can swim, rollerskate, play games, and many other things to do.

Misty Pennington,  
Grade 5

I like to live in Culver because it's a little town and there are no crimes going on all the time, like other cities. It doesn't have that much pollution, and it's quiet most of the time. I live close to the lake. People are always nice in Culver wherever you go.

Shaun Shepherd,  
Grade 5



# School Children Like It Here



When I lived in Chicago it was very dirty. Culver is a nice town, not a big space on the map. Culver's schools are very nice. When I went to another school it was boring, I mean really boring. Culver's the best town I have ever lived in.

Mark Schlabach,  
Grade 4

I like to live in Culver because you can go fishing, water skiing, boating, biking, swimming, ice skating, play soccer, baseball, football, go to track, and play at the park and do a whole lot.

Brian Harris  
Grade 4

I like to live in Culver because it is nice and quiet in the night. When I go to the store I see a lot of people that are very nice. When I'm at school I like every one of the kids and teachers, too, especially the music and art and the P.E. teachers. When I get ready to walk home, all the buses beat me and all the kids that I know wave at me.

Greg Carroll,  
Grade 4

I like to live in Culver because there is always something going on.

Sam Ahlenius,  
Grade 2

I like to live in Culver because of the choices I get, the people around me, and the life I live. For instance, choices, I could go to C.G.A.-C.M.A. or I could stay in the public schools. We have a small town, that makes me feel safer. The Academy helps us to be well-known. As for the life I live, the people, for example, are very thoughtful. The Golden Rule is important to us.

Pixie Muehlhausen  
and Tracy Peterson,  
Grade 6

I like to live in Culver because there is no air pollution. There is also not much noise pollution. Another thing is that our lake isn't polluted. In the summer you can go swimming, water skiing, fishing and sailboating. Also in the winter you can go ice skating, ice fishing, snowmobiling and sledding on Devil's Backbone.

James Ringer,  
Grade 5

I like Culver because it's not a big city with smog. Culver's just a small town with a homey feeling to it. Culver may not be a Florida or a California, But I like it that way.

Bradley Warber Manuel,  
Grade 6

I like to live in Culver because there's not a lot bad people and not a lot of crime.

Stephany Bonine,  
Grade 6

Culver is a pleasant town. I like it because it is small and not over-crowded. There is plenty of room for lots of things. There is a large lake, Lake Maxinkuckee. It has factories, but not as many as a city. The school here is exciting. Culver is a small but fun-filled town.

Alethea Kenney,  
Grade 5

I like to live in Culver because of Lake Maxinkuckee. It is a very nice lake the Indians used to enjoy. There are lots of Indian trails in the woods by the lake. There is also a nice beach and a swimming pier.

Jenny Wolverton,  
Grade 5

I like to live in Culver because it has fantastic churches, schools, and recreation facilities. And also it has well trained dentists and doctors. Culver also has fine restaurants and a nursing home. Culver has very good policemen, and firemen, and a good barber.

David Burns,  
Grade 4

Culver is a peaceful town. Nice friends care for you and have joyful times together. Culver has a nice school for you to learn spelling, math and I love it.

Laretta Ruiz,  
Grade 2

I like the school here in Culver. The school isn't far away from our house. There's a lot of things to do. The park's great, and I like the lake, too.

Andy Huhn  
Grade 2

I like to live in Culver because I have a lake beside my house and I can go fishing any time I want to.

Mandy Sheckles,  
Grade 2

Culver is a nice place to live. The stores have good business. And they keep the streets clean too. The library and schools are good. And it is easy to make friends. It is a beautiful neat place to live. They don't pollute it much. And that is why I like to live in Culver today. And the park near the lake is beautiful, and the water is very cool and clean.

Roger Garbers,  
Grade 5

Culver has a very nice lake with a fine beach. There is a park for everyone to play in or just have a picnic. We have very little pollution in the air or the water. Culver has a lot of churches. There is a bowling alley and a roller skating rink. I have a lot of fun in Culver, so come and enjoy it.

Danny Wagner,  
Grade 5

I like Culver because it's not polluted or messy. The people here are nice, even the teachers, imagine that. But the most important reason is its scenery.

Christi Westafer,  
Grade 6

I like Culver because the lake isn't polluted. The fishing is great. The lake is beautiful. There is a lot of wildlife like birds, raccoons, beaver, muskrat, fish, turtles, and deer, and owls, and rabbits. But the main reason is because it's beautiful. The streets aren't busy.

Annie Harris,  
Grade 6

I like to live in Culver because it is a little town. That means that I know most of the people who live here. I can also walk to the different places I want to go to. Culver has the second largest natural lake in Indiana. I like to swim in it during the summer.

Jamie Geiger,  
Grade 5

The people are really nice. The school is really neat, anybody would want to live here.

Lisa Maxson,  
Grade 6

We have a brand new bowling alley on one side with a roller rink on the other side, and right across the street they're building a new Dairy Queen. There are many different restaurants and coffee shops around Culver. Culver is a great place to be in the summer time, we have a fantastic beach overlooking Lake Maxinkuckee, where you can swim and have fun. If you don't like swimming, there's a nice Beach Lodge with a game room and a great snack bar.

Matt Sedlach,  
Grade 5

I like to live in Culver because there are not many mean people and because there are many wild cats near my home. Culver is a quiet place. Not much bad goes on. I like it because there is not much traffic. I like it because most of my friends live here.

Jeff Kenney,  
Grade 2

I like Culver because it isn't overpopulated.

Martin Garrar,  
Grade 6

I like Culver because it's a little town. There are a lot of nice people and not so many bad people.

Ryan Mark,  
Grade 2

I like to live in Culver because there's a pretty background. Besides I like to live where it is cool in the winter and especially at night when the air is still and it is fresh. I like it in the morning because the birds sing.

Teri Lennox,  
Grade 4





## Church Congregations Work Together

By: Rev. Donald S. Bowman

On a warm Sunday evening in September, folk from half a dozen congregations in the Culver community gathered quietly in the town park overlooking Lake Maxinkuckee. Most of the people brought along folding chairs which were then aligned atop a grassy bank near the water's edge. A few moments later a boat quietly approached and dropped anchor just offshore.

From the boat a pastor then spoke words of welcome to this annual Galilean Service. The brass quartet seated at the back of the boat struck up the tune of "Fairest Lord Jesus" and the people aboard the boat joined with those ashore singing "Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight, And all the starry host..."

Though most of the congregation that evening would have been Protestants, the sermon was brought by Fr. Matthew Kafka, pastor of the St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church. The vocal soloist that evening was from the nearby Burr Oak Church of God. The liturgist was a United Methodist

pastor. The float-boat was supplied by a United Church of Christ layman. The service was arranged by a cooperating group of lay people and clergy known as the Culver Community Churches.

While there are several strong congregations housed in equally fine and beautiful church buildings, one important aspect of religious life in Culver is the way church people respect each other and work together in healthy cooperation.

For example:

---R.E.A.L. luncheons for any retired people are served each Wednesday noon at the United Church of Christ.

---A weekday Nursery School, open to all pre-school children, is conducted at a United Methodist Church.

---Ten congregations in and around Culver work together to bring regular worship services into the local nursing home.

---A "Thrift Shop" operated by the women of one church opens its doors to any family in great need, especially to families that have suffered a fire loss.

Finally, an account of religious faith in Culver must include mention of the Chapel at Culver Military Academy. While primarily for the religious growth of students and faculty of the Academy, services at the Chapel are open to the public. In addition to a full-time chaplain, the Academy employs a full-time organist-carillonneur, and a professional director of choral music. When being played, the 51-bell carillon can be heard and enjoyed by all the people of Culver.

Surely a high point of each year in Culver is the Christmas Vespers Service of Lessons and Carols. The community is openly invited to enjoy the beauty of the Chapel by candlelight. Students, both boys and girls, share in the reading of selected portions of the Christmas story from scripture. Congregational carols are accompanied by the powerful pipe organ and a brass choir playing from the balcony. Both students and faculty contribute instrumental or vocal music so that Academy and townsfolk may joyfully celebrate Christmas together.

# Voluntary Local Participation Fuels Government Efforts

By Marizetta Kenney,  
Clerk-Treasurer

Incorporated since 1894 as a town, Culver's local governing body is a three-member elected Town Board of Trustees, who's function it is to pass ordinances and determine budgets as needed to provide for the interests and welfare of Culver residents. The municipal Clerk-Treasurer is also elected every four years and serves as secretary-treasurer for the town board.

Assisting the board in performing its functions are appointed personnel in various departments: Police Department with the town marshal, two deputies, a dispatcher-secretary, several part-time reserve deputies and a part-time school patrol officer; the Department of Streets, Water and Sewer Systems with a superintendent and three employees; Wastewater Treatment Plant with a supervisor and an assistant; 16 volunteer firemen; 30 volunteer emergency medical technicians, drivers and dispatchers.

The Culver Park and Recreation Board is a five-member board, four of whose members are appointed by the Culver town board and the remaining member from and by the library board. This governs the municipal park and its personnel—usually a full-time superintendent and other seasonal employees.

The Culver Plan Commission is an 11-member board with appointments from within the corporate limits by and from the town board and appointments from the zoning jurisdiction by the county's circuit court judge. This commission is responsible for planning and

zoning in and around the town of Culver.

The Culver Board of Zoning Appeals, a six-member board handles requests for variances and special permits. Members appointed by the town board and by the county's circuit court judge, and two members are appointed from the Plan Commission.

The Culver Economic Development Commission is a three-member board whose function includes examining applications for industrial bonding. Its members are appointed by the town board and the county court.

The Culver Town Board appoints members to the Culver Union Township Public Library Board.

Since the Culver Town Board serves with minimal remuneration and the other boards and commissions with none, it is clear that town government is heavily dependent upon voluntary, active participation by interested citizens. Culver has, in addition to the volunteer commissions, EMT members and firemen, a volunteer and enthusiastic economic development steering committee whose function it is to encourage industrial and commercial development for Culver.

Culver is fortunate to have citizens who are willing to take an active part in its community affairs. Residents in the area surrounding Culver have also been dedicated participants on boards and committees. The town boards and commissions work closely with township officials as well as with the Lake Maxinkuckee Association to promote what is best for Culver and its environs.

## Medical and Dental Services Are Comforting Assets for Culver

By: Warren K. Reiss, M.D.

The people of Culver consider the local availability of medical and dental services to be an asset.

The town actively supports an all-volunteer EMT program. The service has two van-type, fully-equipped ambulances. The EMT's keep abreast of medical knowledge with periodic inservices. The EMT program has trained adequate numbers to maintain a viable program.

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The retirees in town appreciate the local 66-bed nursing home, offering residential and intermediate levels of care.

The local school corporation hires a full-time R.N. to assure health needs of the students and assure compliance with state immunization laws. Culver industry and business utilize local medical services for work-related medical problems and employment physicals.

Nearby hospitals are utilized. Winamac, Knox, and Plymouth. Culver seems most oriented towards Plymouth and its Marshall County Parkview Hospital. Parkview presently has many family practitioners, radiologists, a cardiologist, general surgeons, and an anesthesiologist on its staff.

Plans are in the serious discussion phase to affiliate Parkview with St. Joseph Medical Center in South Bend. It is anticipated that this would assure Plymouth of a new hospital facility and continued quality medical services.

