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# The Story of Chesterton

by Louis A. Menke

Chesterton, the largest town in Porter County, and located in Westchester Township, is a century old. In 1852 the William Thomas family platted the original downtown area of 46 lots into a village which they named Calumet.

Miss Frances Howe, descendant of Joseph Bailly, first white settler in these parts, gives the clue to the origin of Chesterton. In her book, "The Story of a French Homestead in the Old Northwest," she describes it as "a small railroad community." Like the neighboring town of Porter, it owed its beginnings to the coming of the railroad.

The first railroad to enter Westchester Township was the Buffalo & Mississippi. It was built in 1849 and never ran any farther than Baillytown. Parts of it were built farther east by private contractors but were never put to use.

The Michigan Southern was the first railroad to come through Westchester Township and to reach Chicago. It was built in 1852. Three days later came the Michigan Central. These railroads meant the death knell for such early settlements as City West, Coffee Creek, and Old Porter. In later years, as business activities centered here on railroads in Porter and Chesterton,—Furnessville, Crocker, Crisman, McCool, Woodville, Burdick, and other promising hamlets declined in population and activity. Chesterton and Porter became large railroad shipping centers. When Gary was founded in 1907 their lustre was also dimmed.

City West, after its brief glory of almost becoming another Chicago in 1837, settled down to becoming a thriving village and stagecoach stop on the Detroit-Chicago road. Residents of the county were using City West as a resort in 1876.

Chesterton was the only railroad station in Porter county between Michigan City and Chicago until 1872. Henry Hageman

in that year platted a village named after himself, which is now a part of the town of Porter. Hageman became an important railway center soon after the brickyards were established. At one time, the Michigan Central ran 24 trains a day through the town.

The Michigan and Southern Railway brought section hands to Chesterton. They were of Irish descent and the railroad assisted in building a church for them on the north side. It was St. Patrick's in 1857. Few descendants of the original Irish remain in the Chesterton of today.

## RAILROAD PARK

Railroad park in down town Chesterton is the former wood yard of the Michigan and Southern Ry. Farmers brought in the fuel to be used on the old wood-burning locomotives. The piles of four-foot wood extended over a larger area than the park has now. The Thomas family gave the land for the wood yard and depot as an inducement for the railroad to have a station here. In 1879 the tract ceased to be used as a storage place for wood. For many years the town of Chesterton has leased it as a park, and it used to be the scene for major community events.

## COFFEE CREEK

The first post office in Porter County was established at Coffee Creek, east of Morgan Park in 1833. Jesse Morgan, the Patriarch of the Morgan clan, came here that year and remained postmaster till 1853. He had a stagehouse on the old Chicago road that ran through his farm.

After Calumet was platted, the name Coffee Creek was still used for the village. "Coffee Creek (Calumet village) is a post village of Porter County on the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana railway with population of 500." (Indiana State Gazetteer and Business Directory, 1862-63).

# The Story of Chesterton

## FIRST SCHOOL

Alexis Pravonzy, Chesterton's only early Russian, taught school at Coffee Creek for one term in 1833-34. It seems he also sold whiskey to the Indians. He disposed of 11 barrels of the firewater one winter and only one Indian lost his life. The Russian himself eventually met his death from stabbing with a cheese knife.

In early years Calumet or Coffee Creek was known as the Forest City. It is said that a squirrel could hop from branch to branch of trees between Calumet and Valparaiso without alighting.

## PLANK ROAD

Calumet Road in Chesterton used to be known as Valparaiso Street, and before that as the Plank road. Wood was plentiful and made handy road material. A plank or corduroy road was built between Calumet and Valparaiso on to City West and was used about seven years until it began to wear out. It was never rebuilt because by that time the railroads were becoming the chief means of transportation.

## MAU-ME-NASS

Mau-Me-Nass, a Pottawattomie squaw, shows as the first owner on many land deeds in Chesterton. She received the land from the government through a treaty. It passed on to her father, Pier Moran, a half-breed, and eventually to the Thomas family. The "mother" of Chesterton is therefore an Indian squaw.

## FIRST MERCHANTS

Parts of residences and old wooden buildings are all that remain of old Calumet. Among them are Eschenbach's hotel, a hotel early in its latter history, and the Thomas Wiesemanns' Resale Stand where Dr. Hiram Green had a drug store. He was a civil war veteran and a prominent citizen of early Chesterton. Horace Pratt, blacksmith from Calumet, was the first merchant

to advertise in a newspaper, the Practical Observer, Valparaiso, 1854.

The M. Smith & Son building probably is the oldest mercantile location in Chesterton. The Thomases had a store there after 1850. Calkins Brothers followed in the 1870's. They also ran the sawmill, cooperage, and a washing machine factory. The Taylor Brothers were the subsequent proprietors of the store until it was damaged by fire in 1888.

In 1862-63, among Calumet's business establishments, were two saloons, hotel, two stores; also a doctor, station and express agent, four carpenters, and blacksmith (Indiana Gazetteer and Directory). Early merchants were L. B. Osborn, Jay Pinney, D. Hopkins and Martin Young. In 1868 J. B. Lundberg came to town as a cabinet maker and built up a prosperous furniture and undertaking business. He was a very influential citizen of Swedish descent, the first licensed embalmer in the state, and president of the first town board after the incorporation of 1899.

## UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

Schuyler Colfax, Indiana statesman and vice-president under General Grant after the Civil War, gave a speech in Calumet in 1854. The underground railroad had a station in Porter County at the site of Soule's restaurant on U. S. 20. Henry Hageman, an elder of the Methodist Episcopal church in Calumet, also hid runaway slaves at his house. The Negroes had hiding places in the sand hills before escaping to Detroit and Canada.

The young men of the township who went to the Civil War took the train at Salem Crossing, now Otis, to southern Indiana military camps. It is estimated that one in four of Calumet's sons who fought in that war lie buried in southern fields. Over 100 veterans are buried in Westchester township cemeteries.

# The Story of Chesterton

## INCORPORATION

Chesterton has the rare distinction of having been incorporated twice. The first town was incorporated on October 5, 1869.

"At four o'clock (Oct. 5, 1869) Calumet, alias Coffee Creek, expired without a struggle or groan. Chesterton now hoists her banner to the breeze where Calumet went down. Property had advanced and the friends of law and order are jubilant. The vote stands 45 for and 2 against. We live in joyous expectation of the time when the pert little village of Valparaiso will also be included within our corporate limits." (John, in the Porter County Vidette).

John does not say who named the newborn town and why. The name probably came from the name of the township, Westchester. There are too many Westchesters that are post offices in the U. S. A. but for years there has been only one "Chesterton," our own town.

The first incorporation lasted until 1878 and ended with a debt; the town had too small a corporate limit and could not raise enough taxes to maintain itself. There was only half a mile of railroad in the new town. However, one change held over from the first incorporation, the name "Chesterton." Tradition says Calumet was changed to Chesterton because of another Calumet on the railroad in Illinois.

## ORGAN FACTORY

Despite the setback caused by the attempted incorporation, Chesterton grew. In 1880, C. O. Hillstrom brought his organ factory from Chicago to Chesterton and made it the main industry here. Many of his countrymen from Sweden worked for him. The factory was located on Broadway across from Harvil's Studebaker service, formerly Mr. Hillstrom's residence. The coming of the piano at the turn of the century brought decline to the organ industry, but in its day, Hillstrom's made about 35,000

organs, which were sent all over the world. The factory at one time employed 30 men and made 18 organs a week. It also made piano stools.

## FIRST NEWSPAPER

The Porter brickyards were booming, Times were good in Chesterton and Porter. The merchants wanted a newspaper and in 1882 M. Mikels, a lawyer from Bourbon, Ind., began the weekly Chesterton Tribune. It lasted about 35 issues, and was assisted by local talent. As part of the roseate future, Mr. Mikels predicting for Chesterton, saw possibilities in Coffee Creek; "All the water that factories would want would be on hand. Factories could be located between Chesterton and Hageman and when the movement was once begun it would in all probability continue until the two towns — Chesterton and Porter — became one city."

Arthur J. Bowser, a young newspaperman from Valparaiso, was requested by local merchants to take the defunct Tribune in hand. He accepted and made it a success. He can truly be said to have founded the newspaper in 1884.

His first impression of Chesterton was as follows: "Chesterton never was born. Chesterton just happened. I am talking of the original town. The early fathers squatted down wherever it was most convenient and lived and died. With a mill pond to fish out of on one side and a railroad woodpile on another, they just got between and lived happily. I don't know how the roads happened to be where they are. Maybe they originally were paths made by the cows or deer. No surveyor could have laid them out. The business houses of Calumet road are strung along a bank of what was once a millpond. The lots were laid out to what was then called high water mark." (Musings, 1922).

# The Story of Chesterton

## THE BOOM

Chesterton has several neighborhoods with local names such as Stringtown, Pinney's Park and Morgan. The largest is known as the Boom and represents the efforts of several early citizens who attempted with the aid of outside capital to develop Chesterton and Porter. Chesterton's greatest growth in modern times occurred in this area, which is west of Fifth Street and extends to the town limits on 23rd Street. A few years ago there were no houses on Ninth Street. Now the area is nearly filled to Fifteenth Street. The part of town west will be filled as soon as sewage facilities are installed.

Arthur Bowser, who made *The Tribune* one of the most prominent weeklies in Indiana in the 40 years he was editor, served a term as state senator. He had always as his special concern, the bringing of progress to Chesterton and Porter. He centered his efforts on the Boom. He visualized Porter, because of its location, as the future city of Westchester township. It is still an important railroad center and has plenty of acreage for factory sites. Four additions were platted on the Boom, owned by the Porter Home Investment Co. They are still known as additions to the Town of Porter, though at the time they were laid out Porter was not incorporated.

He interested Chicago capital in his plan and the real estate company brought out excursion trains to the Boom on week-ends. Factories were encouraged to settle on the Boom. Porter Avenue was to be the main street of the new city. Mr. Bowser felt so confident about the scheme that he built a new *Tribune* building on the avenue and published the *Porter Tribune*.

The new city would most likely have been a fact but for the panic of 1893. One by one, the factories closed and left town. The selling of lots stopped. The dream city was no more. In the next decade the investment

company reorganized but the glow of the dream had faded. It is estimated that more than a million dollars went into this development of the Boom.

An attempt to promote Mineral Springs as a watering place or spa also failed. We now have a road named Mineral Springs and an eating place called The Spa as reminders of the project. A race track of the same name, promoted by Chicago gamblers, also failed after Governor Tom Marshall of Indiana called out the state militia in 1912 to close it down.

## SECOND INCORPORATION IN 1899

Chesterton, after the Boom, still remained the important business center in North Porter County. The *Tribune* was again published down town. Agitation for incorporation was strong in the decade before 1899. The area was becoming lawless and unsafe for Chesterton's citizens. The dunes were a haven for criminals from the Chicago area. County peace officers were not able to keep order. Fights were frequent. Chesterton had a celebrated gunfight in 1884 in a saloon where Flannery's is now located. It took place between several local merchants and a telegraph construction gang. In 1892 the Wabash railroad workers came to town one Saturday night and fought with townspeople in the down town area, until J. B. Lundberg quelled the disturbance when he shouted: "Stop in the name of the law." But Chesterton never hurried. It was not until May, 1899, that it was incorporated. Mr. Lundberg was chosen as president of the new town board. Mindful of the failure of the 1869 town, the 1899 planners were careful to take in enough territory for raising the necessary taxes.

Incorporation was a shot in the arm for Chesterton. Sidewalks were laid. Roads were improved. The disastrous fire of 1902 put in ashes the business district from

# The Story of Chesterton

Krieger's saloon, (now Towne Bar) on the east side of Calumet south to what is now Ericson's Standard service. The business houses were wooden and burned easily. But new brick buildings replaced them and brought modernity and beauty to our business district.

In 1911, The Tribune could boast that incorporation had brought many modern improvements to town; electricity; improved roads and sidewalks; interurban transportation to nearby cities and towns. Chesterton had two telephone exchanges: the Northwest Indiana in the Smith building; the Portage Home in the Johnson building. A sleet storm ruined the latter, mostly rural subscribers. The former was finally amalgamated with Indiana Associated Telephone in 1937.

## GARY IS BUILT

The city of Gary was established in 1907 on the shores of Lake Michigan in Lake County, as an ideal place to make steel. As early as 1911, the Lake County Star said that Gary would soon rival Chesterton in population and that our town would become the main residential section of the new city. This may now not seem a startling prediction but in 1911 it was news to many who were accustomed to regard Chesterton as the most important trade center between Chicago and Michigan City. After World War I, Chesterton had a shortage of houses. This was nothing new. Almost every year of the files of The Tribune shows a similar shortage. People have always wanted to live in Chesterton. The Chesterton Rural Loan and Savings Association came into existence in 1920 to meet the housing shortage. Morgan Park began to fill up with new residences. The water system was improved. Sewer systems were installed. The new high school was built in 1922. A WPA sewer came in 1938, known as the 8th street sewer.

The 1929 depression hit Chesterton as it did other towns. Factories closed. The

Chesterton State Bank was one of the few banks in Northern Indiana whose doors never closed. Warren R. Canright bought The Chesterton Tribune in 1928, and has had it ever since.

Calumet Road was paved and became part of new state road 49 which ended on the beach of Lake Michigan three miles north in the new Indiana Dunes State Park. Broadway was paved and lengthened.

Outside of town, highways 12 and 20 were built to the north and U. S. 6 to the south. In 1921 the Chesterton library began as a township project and branch of the Gary library.

The Wilbar Mfg. Co. came to Chesterton in 1930 and is still here, having survived a fire in 1949.

With the coming of World War II Chesterton was helping win the war. Men and women in service put the town in national headlines.

New organizations were set up and became very popular. The Retail Merchants' Association, started in the 1930's, year by year became more active. The Lions Club started in 1933. A Chamber of Commerce which was begun in the 1920's did not take hold.

After World War II, Chesterton re-captured some of its old time prestige. Two dress factories, a plastic sign factory, several machine parts factories, new garages and stores were established. The factories have a combined payroll of about 500.

Since 1946, the number of rural routes has been increased from two to three. House to house postal delivery was begun in 1948. Westchester township has grown to more than 6,000 population.

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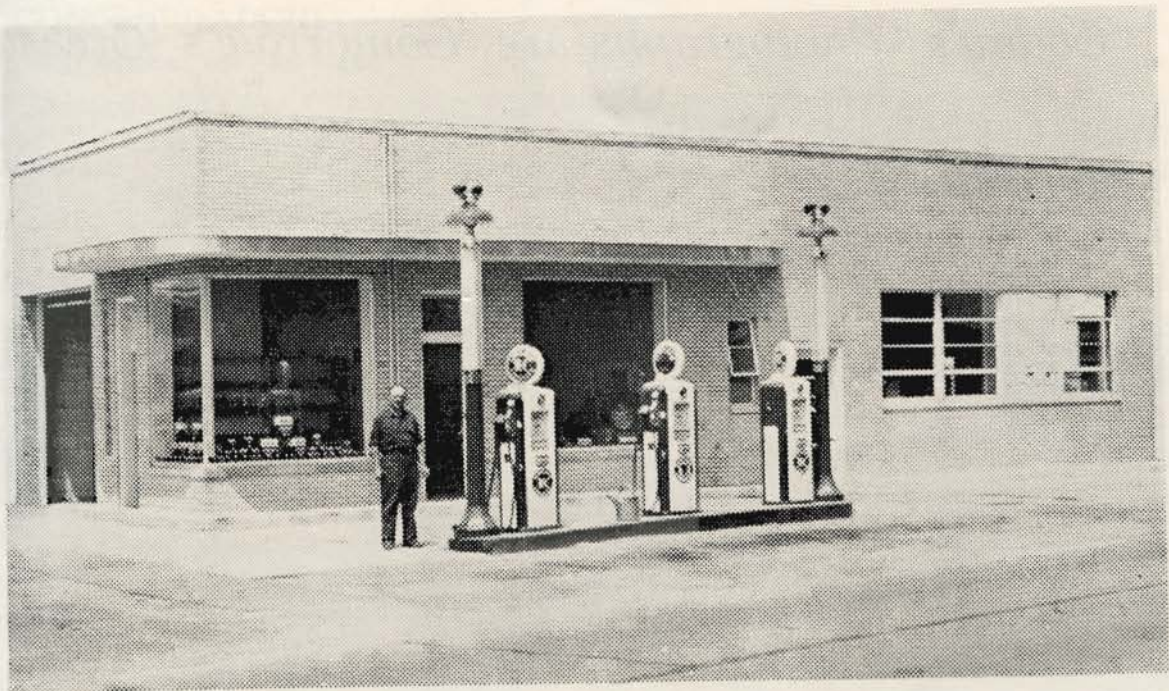
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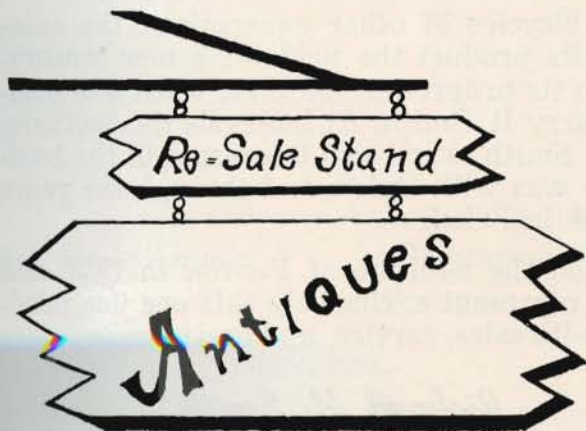
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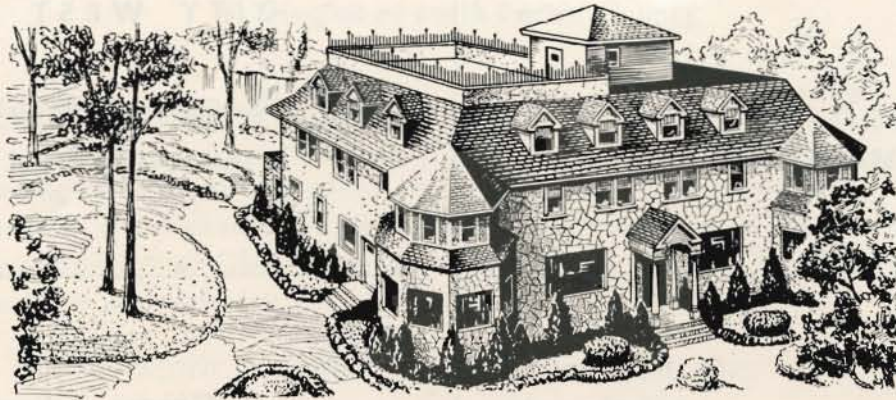
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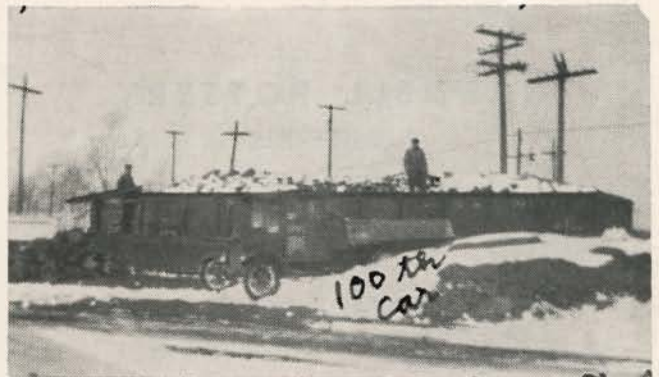
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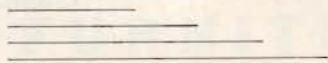


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## THE PROGRAM

### EPISODE I

#### **Calumet Cavalcade**

American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars color guards advance the colors. Fraternal orders of Chesterton, the American Indian, Miss Columbia, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts gather to welcome Miss Chesterton Centennial, who arrives with her court for the coronation ceremony.

### EPISODE II

#### **Galilee Land of the Indiana Desert**

Our history would not be complete without first showing the inhabitants who roamed this land of ours, referred to from earliest times as the Indiana desert because of its sand dunes.

Indians and missionaries re-enact scene at Galilee (now in Dunes State Park), so called because it reminded the missionaries of the Lake of Galilee where Christ appeared some time after the Resurrection.

Smoking of the peace-pipe—the Calumet.

### EPISODE III

#### **The Spirit of '76 and the Trader, Joseph de Messein Bailly**

The unconquerable spirit of '76 brought about numerous results among them Congress organizing the territory northwest of the Ohio River.

In the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811, William Henry Harrison bested the famous Indian chief, Tecumseh. And then in 1816, Congress declared Indiana a member of the Union. By 1835, Porter County came into being by decree of the Indiana State Legislature and was set up in 1836. And in this great county, the seed was planted which flowered into the town of Chesterton.

Joseph Bailly made his way down to New Orleans with fur trading posts. He raised a family and set up residence on a high bluff above the then navigable Calumet River.

Later he became known as a missionary to the red men. He bought land along the lake and laid out land for a town.

### EPISODE IV

#### **And They Began to Arrive**

The towns of Coffee Creek and City West begin. Several well known families of that day are mentioned. They arrive in their covered wagons and begin their new home in the wilderness.

### EPISODE V

#### **The Embryo of Chesterton Is Planted**

Surveying of the land is carried on and the Thomas family gave the railroad a tract of land for depot purposes. It is known as Railroad Park. The town was known for a time as Thomas' Mill, then Calumet.

# THE PROGRAM

## EPISODE VI

### **The Iron Horse, Harbinger of Prosperity**

People gather from all the neighboring communities for the arrival of the first train in Calumet. The Michigan Southern and the Michigan Central were great rivals in those days.

The railroad brought the Irish to Calumet as laborers. The Swedes settled mostly in Baillytown.

The Thomas family all took an interest in the town, and several enterprises were sponsored by them.

## EPISODE VII

### **One Sunday Morning**

The churches in the community were begun in the 1850's, some being built as late as 1891. Baillytown had the first chapel.

## EPISODE VIII

### **"Readin', Ritin', and Rithmetic"**

Miss Caroline Coats is the teacher. A new school is going to be built at the cost of \$465. History of the town schools and their organization is told. Education in the county was made higher by the establishing of the Northern Indiana Normal School in 1873.

## EPISODE IX

### **The War Between the States**

When Fort Sumter was fired upon, the citizens gathered at the court house in Valparaiso and one hundred and thirty men signed up to fight for the Union.

## EPISODE X

### **When Johnny Comes Marching Home**

The boys in blue came back to Calumet. A party is given for the returning heroes.

On October 5, 1869, Calumet was incorporated, only to be disincorporated in 1878. The second incorporation took place in 1899. The lone result of the first incorporation was the name of the town being changed to Chesterton. Many wanted the name of Coffee Creek back, the first name for the area.

John Gondring began the brick yards in Porter.

## EPISODE XI

### **The Great Conflagration of 1902**

In 1902 a fire bug visited Chesterton and the fire made a clean sweep of several downtown buildings.

On June 8, 1902, the town board asked that a fire department be organized.

## EPISODE XII

### **Methodist Men's Aid Show**

A real affair running two days with all the folks turning out in Moroney's hall after waiting through weeks of secret rehearsals.

## EPISODE XIII

### **Bikes, Bustles and Mustaches**

Several of the young men formed a debating team. The scene is re-enacted. A Fourth of July picnic is acted out with a bathing beauty contest.

The Roaring Twenties come and go, and then comes the Wall Street crash.

## EPISODE XIV

### **Citizens of Tomorrow**

Bands do an intricate drill and citizens of tomorrow parade in review.

## EPISODE XV

### **Iwo Jima**

Tableau of the Iwo Jima flag raising.

## EPISODE XVI

### **Transportation Through the Years**

Several modes of transportation are presented from the Indian drag right up to the airplane.

## EPISODE XVII

### **The Great Wheel of Progress**

A tableau with Miss Columbia and Miss Chesterton Centennial, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and others.

## EPISODE XVIII

### **Mass Singing by Entire Cast and Pageant Choir**

## EPISODE XIX

### **Mammoth Fireworks Display**

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# A Message from the General Chairman

This exciting Centennial Celebration in which we are now engaged is the successful climax to months of preparation and planning by literally hundreds of your friends and neighbors.

In our initial thoughts we established two primary aims for this Centennial Celebration. First—*this must be an undertaking in which every segment of Chesterton participates*. A Centennial conducted by that same handful of fine, civic minded people who spearhead every campaign and civic venture could not be successful; the active participation of all the citizens in our community, either in the planning and development or as spectators, was a prerequisite to a successful celebration.

Second—*the entire program must be entertaining*. Entertaining not only to the hundreds of thousands who have viewed the parade, the Crossroads of the Continent, and the rest but also to the several hundred folks who have so enthusiastically participated in the operation of the Centennial.

These goals have been attained and we only regret that it will be many years before another Centennial occurs and Chesterton can again join together in isuch a pleasant undertaking.

We wish to extend our warmest appreciation to the Division and Committee Chairmen, to the many Committee members and members of the Crossroads of the Continent cast and to Larry Wills of the John B. Rogers Company who have earned the appreciation of all Chestertonians for their outstanding contribution to this great Centennial.

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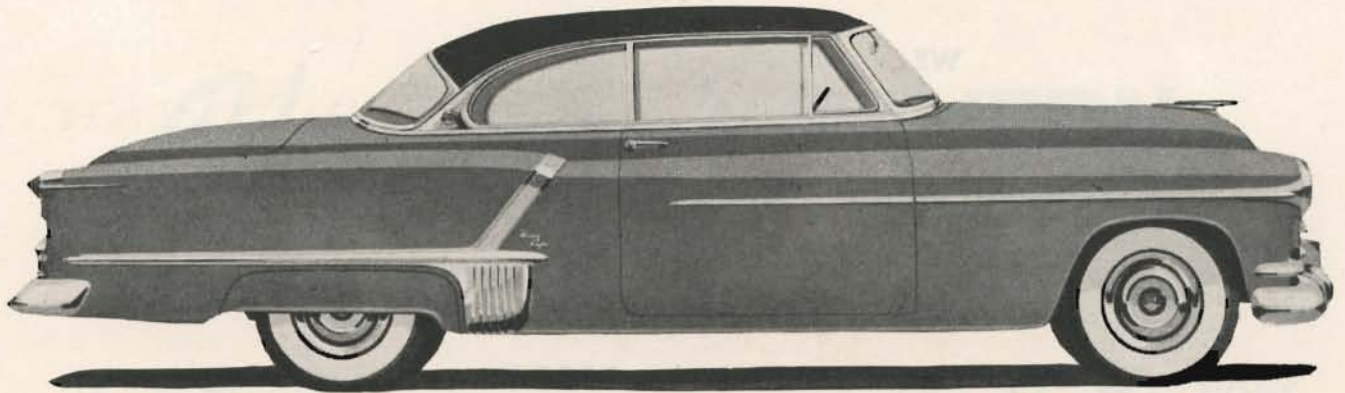
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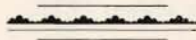
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Bailly was licensed as an American fur trader by Governor Harrison in 1814, having previously been held prisoner in Detroit as a British subject during the War of 1812. He was the head fur trader of the Calumet region and was known from Quebec to New

Orleans, having a post at Baton Rouge. He built a considerable post in our county on the north bank of the Little Calumet and at the confluence of the Sac Trail and the Pottawattomie Trail. At his post were eight to ten cabins, used for homestead, trading post, store, quarters for servants, guests, and Indians, and for warehouses. Bailly's post for the ten years up to the Black Hawk war was the only stop except White Pigeon, Michigan, between Fort Dearborn and Detroit. Travelers, soldiers, government men, missionaries, and Indians made it a port of call. Bailly ran a sloop on Lake Michigan to haul his goods and had a dock at Miller, then called Bailly's Harbor. He planned to build a town there some day because of the excellent harbor but it never materialized, nor did Baillytown, which was on his estate of over 2,000 acres; this



Old Bailly Homestead Building

was platted but he died before it could be developed. He had a hostelry for travelers located nearer the lake than the homestead. The first military road between Fort Dearborn and Detroit established in 1831 ran near his home.

Mr. Bailly died in December, 1835. In the course of the years the homestead, through litigation and selling off, dwindled down to several hundred acres. The estate passed to Frances Howe, when her mother died in 1891 at the age of 78. Frances never mar-

ried and until her death in San Francisco in 1916 divided her time between living in Baillytown and traveling, especially in Europe. She remodeled the buildings on the estate so considerably that no building remains entirely in its original state. The homestead she renovated in imitation of a French chateau. For many years Frances was a familiar figure in Porter and Chesterton. She wrote several books, among them "The Story of a French Homestead in the Old Northwest."

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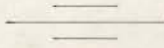
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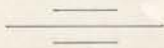
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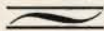
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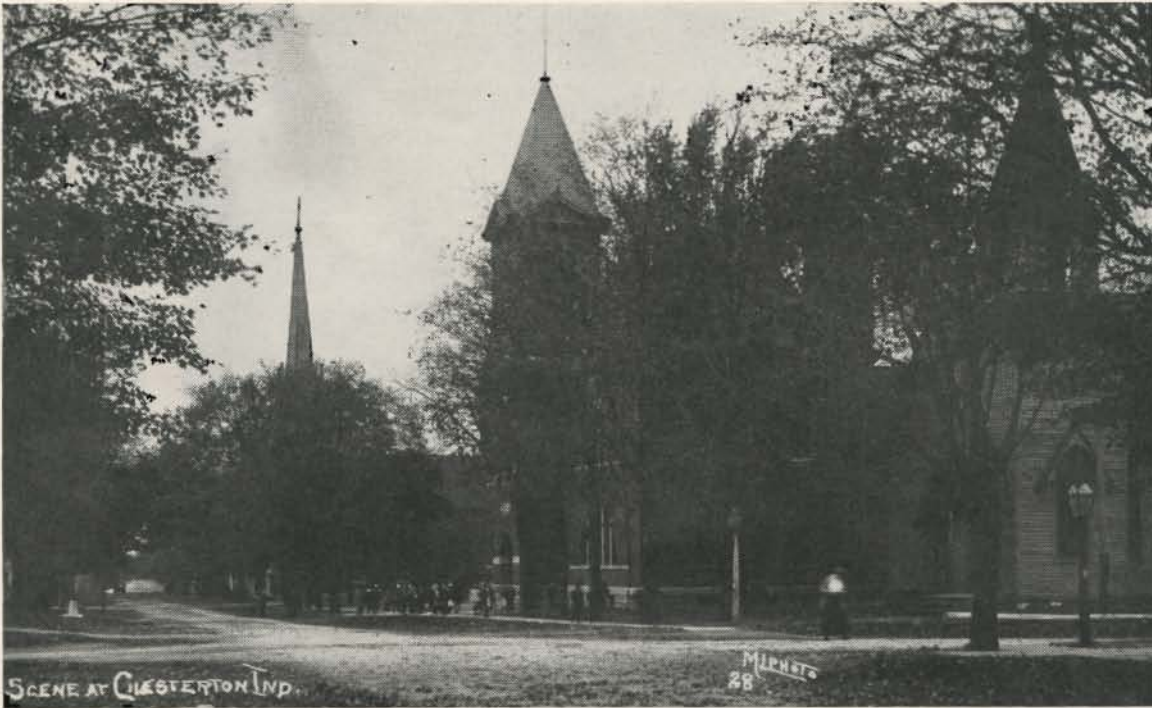
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An old view of Indiana Ave., showing the Methodist Church, Grade school and St. Patrick's Church.



A factory of early Chesterton, the Sal-Mount, located west of 15th Street near the E. J. & E.

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Broadway of the early days, looking toward the stoplight. Gone now, buggies and hitch posts.

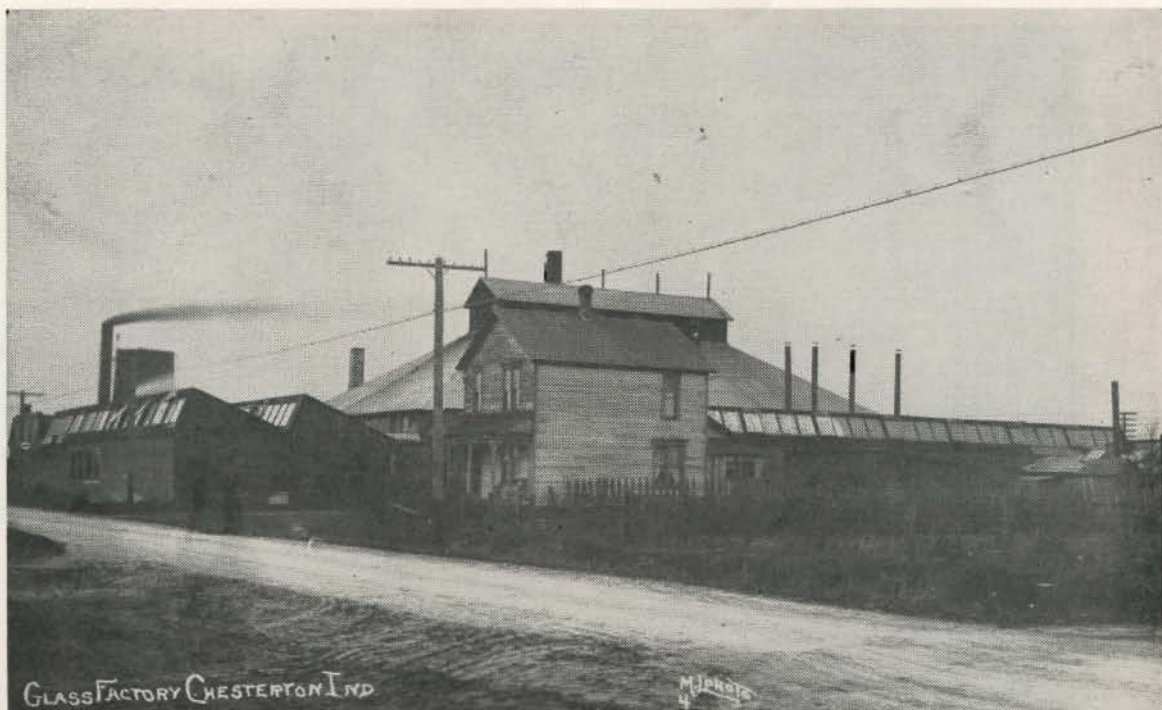


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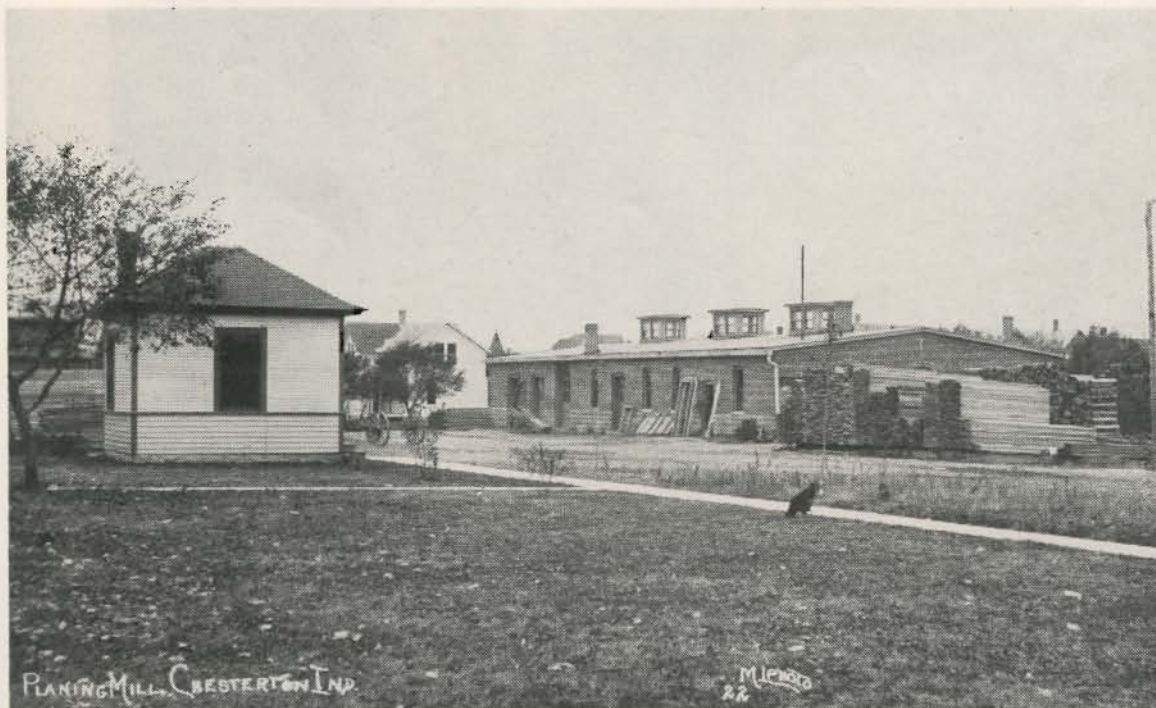
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Calumet Road presents quite a contrast to this peaceful scene of early days.

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East view of the China Factory, an early factory here. The main building is still in use.



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Beach parties are ever popular, even in the days when the State Park area looked like this.



Chesterton's near north side in the Thompson Dairy vicinity presents a different view in this early photo.



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Old time pictures furnished by Arthur E. Nickel, Harry R. Smith and Mrs. E. L. Morgan.

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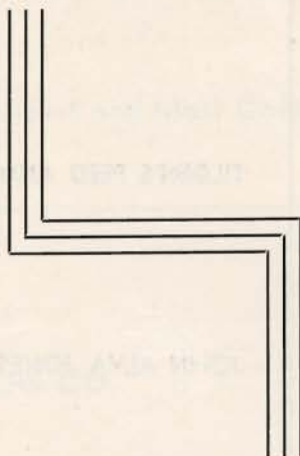
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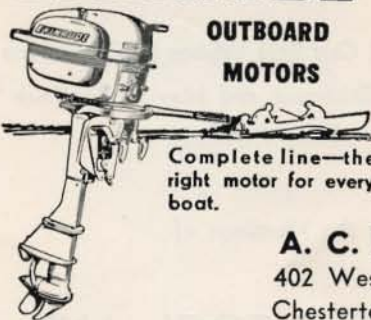
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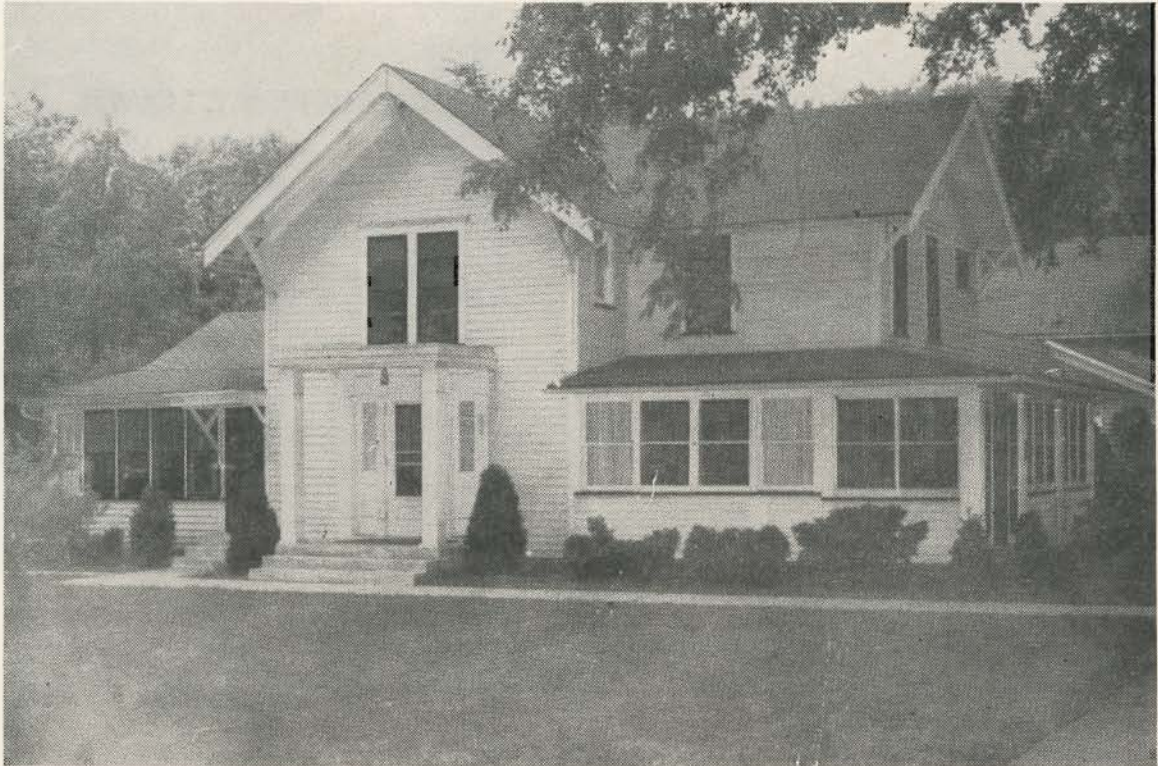
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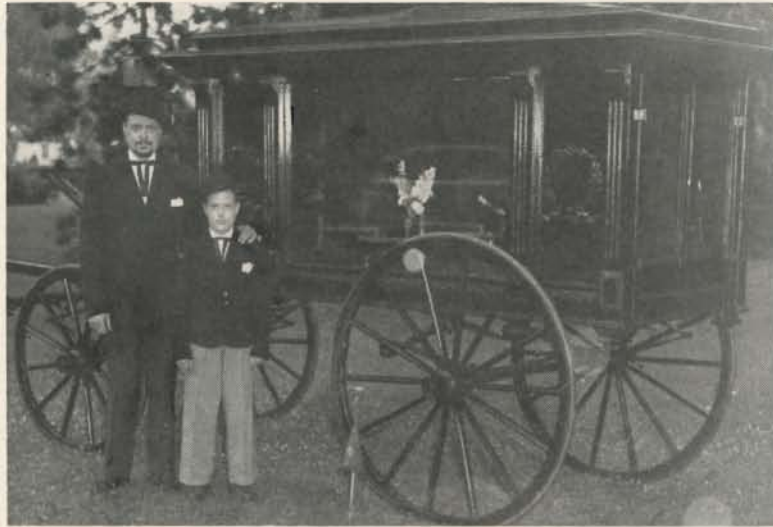
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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events in Chesterton Park unless otherwise indicated

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 1952

### Freedom of Religion and Americanism Day

Dr. C. B. Bryant, Rev. A. E. Givens and Rev. Ralph Hoffmann  
Chairmen

Morning—Homecoming planned by the individual churches at the regular worship hour.

3:00 p.m.—Open house planned by each individual church.

7:00 p.m.—Community service at Chesterton Park.

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation  
Hymn  
Scripture  
Prayer  
Hymn  
Choir Number (mixed choir from all churches)  
Introduction of speaker  
Address.....Dr. P. B. Smith, La Porte, Ind.  
Choir number  
Benediction

## MONDAY, AUGUST 18

### Young America Day

Walter Warren, Chairman

9:00 a.m.—Viewing of historical displays in business windows.

9:00 a.m.—Registration deadline for field events.

10:00 a.m.—On Wheels parade.

10:45 a.m.—Field events

12:00 Noon—Pancake Derby sponsored by Boy Scouts.

12:00 Noon—Midway officially opens.

1:30 p.m.—Bike Rodeo. Registrations must be in by Aug. 13.  
Register at Chesterton Park.

4:00 p.m.—Long distance balloon race sponsored by park board  
Midway open from 12 Noon to Midnight daily.



WILMA JEAN YOUNG of Wheeler  
Queen for a Day Tuesday, August 19th.



DONNA VAN VELD of Hebron  
Queen for a Day, Wednesday, August 20th.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

### Pioneer and Homecoming Day

Hallard A. Flynn, Chairman

9:00 a.m.—Viewing of historical displays in business windows.

11:00 a.m. to 12 m.—Registration of visitors.

12:00 m. to 2:00 p.m.—Old time basket picnic dinner. Coffee and soft drinks furnished by Central Committee.

2:30 p.m.—Early family histories.

Afternoon—Awarding of prizes: Oldest visitor or resident; visitor or resident, traveling longest distance to Centennial; visitor or resident having lived in Chesterton longest; visitors, having been away from Chesterton longest; oldest married couple; youngest married couple; oldest single lady; oldest single man; youngest single girl; youngest single boy.

6:00 p.m.—Centennial Parade.

8:15 p.m.—Premier showing historical pageant.

CROSSROADS OF THE CONTINENT.

10:00 p.m.—Gigantic fireworks display.

Midway open from 12 Noon to Midnight daily.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

### Ladies' Day

Mrs. Vadim Dockim, Mrs. Charles Hageman, Co-chairmen.

9:00 a.m.—Viewing of historical displays in business windows.

10:00 to 11:00 a.m.—Bridge and pinochle contests; also first aid demonstrations.

11:00 a.m.—Baking contest by Home Ec Clubs.

12:00 to 1:30 p.m.—Box lunch. Everyone invited to come and bring a lunch.

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events in Chesterton Park unless otherwise indicated

- 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.—Finals of bridge and pinochle contests.
- 1:30 p.m.—School of Dance program.
- 2:00 p.m.—Ladies' Kitchen Band performance. Sextette of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.
- 3:00 p.m.—Sisters of the Swish Style Show. Judging of the Sisters of the Swish.
- 4:00 p.m.—Mother and Daughter Cotton Parade.
- 4:30 p.m.—Beta Gamma tableaux by Beta Gamma Upsilon.
- 7:45 p.m.—Ladies' Kitchen Band and the Sextette.
- 8:15 p.m.—Second performance of pageant.  
CROSSROADS OF THE CONTINENT.
- 10:00 p.m.—Gigantic fireworks display.  
Midway open from 12 Noon to Midnight daily.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

### Merchants' Day

Charles Young, Chairman

- 9:00 a.m.—Viewing of historical displays in business windows.
- 11:00 a.m.—Merchants barbecue.  
Barbecue supervised by nationally known Michael Joseph, who has a famous reputation for open air barbecuing. Tickets may be obtained at 50c from any Chesterton Retail Merchant.
- 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Preliminary of Horseshoe Pitching Contest.
- 1:30 p.m.—Contests such as sack race (three leg), stroller race, bike race, nail driving contest, ice cream eating contest, whittling contest, and egg throwing contest.
- 3:00 p.m.—Portage Township Band.
- 4:00 p.m.—Tug-of-War between merchants and an unnamed group.  
Above events in Railroad Park
- 7:45 p.m.—St. Patrick's Glee Club at Chesterton Park.
- 8:15 p.m.—Pageant—Third performance.  
CROSSROADS OF THE CONTINENT.
- 10:00 p.m.—Gigantic fireworks display.  
Midway open from 12 Noon to Midnight daily.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

### Governor's Day

Victor W. Nash, Chairman

- 9:00 a.m.—Viewing of historical displays in business windows.
- 12:00 Noon—Viewing of historical displays by governor and judging them as to their authenticity and historical value.
- 12:30 p.m.—Luncheon.
- 2:30 p.m.—Speech at City Park. Subject: 100 years of Indiana Progress by Governor Schricker.
- 3:00 p.m.—Tea in honor of Mrs. Schricker.
- 3:30 p.m.—Musical Program, U. S. Steel Band.
- 4:30 p.m.—Dedication of time capsule by Judge Swygert.
- 7:45 p.m.—Musical Program.
- 8:15 p.m.—Fourth Performance  
CROSSROADS OF THE CONTINENT.
- 10:00 p.m.—Gigantic fireworks display.
- 10:00 p.m.—Centennial Ball, St. Patrick's Hall.
- 10:00 p.m.—Crowning of Miss Chesterton Centennial.  
Midway open from 12 Noon to Midnight daily.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

### Farmers' Day

William Thompson, Chairman

- 9:00 a.m.—Viewing of historical displays in business windows.
- 10:30 a.m.—Farm implement display. Old and modern.
- 11:30 a.m.—Old and modern household appliance display.
- 11:30 p.m.—Basket lunch.
- 1:30 p.m.—Bathing beauty contest. Age 14 to 20. Contestants to be in pairs:
  1. Modern bathing suit.
  2. Pioneer bathing suit.
- 2:00 p.m.—Horseshoe pitching contest.
- 2:30 p.m.—Fire Department water fight.
- 3:00 p.m.—Horse pulling contest.
- 3:15 p.m.—Clothes hanging contest
- 3:30 p.m.—Watermelon eating contest.
- 4:30 p.m.—Tug-of-war contest between township farmers, men and women.
- 7:45 p.m.—Judging of beards by Fire Department.
- 8:15 p.m.—Grand finale of  
"CROSSROADS OF THE CONTINENT"
- 9:45 p.m.—Grand finale of Fireworks Display.
- 10:00 p.m.—Street dance, square and round, in front of High School.
- 11:00 p.m.—Award to couple dressed in best pioneer courting contest.  
Midway open from 12 Noon to Midnight daily.



CAROLE SEDERBERG of Boone Grove Queen for a Day, Thursday, August 21st.



THE QUEEN AND HER COURT.—Front row, left to right: Carole Bishop, Evelyn Munn, third place winner, Queen Ruth, Dolores Glawe, second place winner, Joanne Groff. Rear row: Wilma Jean Young, Nancy Sabinske, Gladys Jackson, Lavonne Johnson, Carole Sederberg