

Whatever You Want in Way of Spring Vacation, State of Michigan Has It

By The Old AAA Traveler

Just what do you want in Spring vacation country? Deep green forests? Burgeoning orchards? Blue water and white beach? Indian fishing? Or just restful days in bright sunshine and pine-perfumed breezes?

Well, my friends, any one—or all—of those things you have at your fingertips here in Michigan, and that's the basic reason why this here now Michigan ranks at the very top in the country's vacation playplaces.

That's why literally millions of vacationists from every state in the United States troop into Michigan from earliest Spring until snow falls—and thousands come for the winter season, when snow blankets the state and there is the peace and quiet which comes only when the earth is so covered. It matters not in the least

where you travel in Michigan, you'll find your heart's desire in beauty and the allure of a countryside so gentle and restful it is just about beyond description.

Already the state is sheaving its tender green of Springtime dress, and from now until snowfall, and beyond, there will be a constantly shifting scene. Late Spring and the fruit country a mass of pastel colors. . . Summer and the lush coloration of that season. . . Fall and the myriad shades of yellow and red and brown in the most magnificent autumnal panorama in all the world.

There is the western edge of Michigan, from St. Joseph and Benton Harbor northward along Lake Michigan to the very tip

of the Lower Peninsula. Holland and its world famous Tulip Time. . . Traverse City and its festival of the cherries. . . Charlevoix and its summer of sailing and fishing. . . Petoskey and its parade of parents and sportsmen's shows. . . Harbor Springs and its magnificent Ottawa Indian Ceremonial man. On that island the great Astor fortune was founded in the days when fur was the great money crop.

Thousands of Legends
Thousands of legends cluster around the island. There's Grand Hotel, often called the greatest resort hotel of its kind in the

BRIDGE AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

By James C. Gray

(A report on the bridge built for the community house at the University of Michigan.)

Almost—but not quite, this has been the fate of Mrs. Malcolm Dugless and her partner, Mrs. Fletcher Renton, for the last several months of tournament play. "Second again!" sighed Mrs. D. at session after session. "Tie's fair!" pouted Mrs. E.

But April 23 was their night at last. They won the north and south match of a slight and a half table game in a breeze. Charles Thumser and Robert Strausser were second, with Ed Clarke and George Churchill third. The east and west teams were led by Hank Georgina and Bo Guy. Gertrude Bevis and Ruth Hull took second, and Al Voss and Joe McKinney third.

"Don't be half safe!" screamed my choleric partner, in a recent tournament. "What's the use of playing for an average? Gamble for the top!" Here is the situation which produced this outburst:

Ruin?
Proud Father: "I want our Willie to be a politician.
Friend: "Why?"
Father: "He's so big and strong I'd hate to have him ruin his physique by working."

NORTH (OH B & O)

H—1
D—K x x
C—A x x

EAST

S—x
D—10 x
C—10 x x

SOUTH (Me)

S—x
H—Q J R
C—x x x

The contract was two hearts by South. South was on lead. Each side had taken three tricks up to this point.

"What now?" I mused. "Shall I take out West's trump—and dummy's trump in the process?"

And then try the club finesse! But suppose the finesse loses—I'll lose that trick and a spade or a diamond trick also, for a low score on the board. Of course, if I draw the trumps first and the club finesse wins, I'll be able to set up the diamond suit by ruffing and make two overtricks, for a top score.

The more I pondered the more I convinced myself that the club finesse was bound to lose. So, finally, in desperation I took the club finesse immediately, hoping for one extra trick at east by keeping that lone trump in dummy to protect against a ruff lead from East. Dummy's club queen held! So I lost a diamond trick to West's ruff—but I almost lost my partner to a spook.



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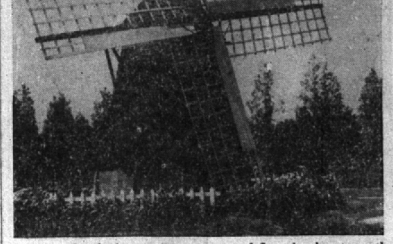
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at . . . all woven into a mosaic of thrills and unforgettable vignettes.

Glory of Lake Huron
The Thumb, after you have traversed the gorgeous stretches of Lake St. Clair and the length of the St. Clair River, and you have the combination of beauty for that section once was the stamping ground of the colorful lumberjacks in the days when Michigan sent forth lumber to build the world. Such picturesque spots as Pointe Au Barques and Lexington.

The eastern margin of the state, northward out of Bay City, and you have the glory that is Lake Huron. . . Tawas and its excellent fishing. . . Alpena . . . and a dozen other towns along the way.

the historic Au Sable River country and its impressive monument to the forested and lumberjack . . . spreading state and federal forests and game refuges (trout streams to make the modern Isak Walton drool . . . and again the healthful fresh breezes and placid stone to make night a period of dreamless sleep.

Cut up through the very center of the state and you have more of beauty and history and legend . . . to which are the lumber spots in lumbering days . . . deer grazing along the highways . . . most trout streams to make fish swarming lakes . . . cabins deep in the pines . . . roadside parks, with stoves and tables, for your midday luncheons . . . areas for trailers and tents . . . all woven into another fascinating tapestry.

Have You Met . . .

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UPI's Beautiful Country

And then—hold onto your hats!—the Upper Peninsula. . . Land of Hiawatha. . . in my book one of the most beautiful stretches of country you'll find in years of travel. Spots ultra-modern, of course, for there are bustling cities and luxurious resorts in that area, but, in the main, the Upper Peninsula is little changed from the day when the lumberjack was king and when the Indian and trapper were in their glory.

Tiquamenon River—true river of Hiawatha, if you please—and Tahquamenon Falls, one of the most beautiful vistas in America. Munising and its Pictured Rocks, Lake George, crystal falls and a dozen other laughing cascades of sparkling water. Les Cheneaux Islands—The Sables, and some of the finest fishing waters in the eastern half of the United States. Indians in their colorful regalia to guide you on your fishing trips.

And always remember that Mackinac Island stands alone as "America's Bermuda"—and it is just that! This little island paradise was called "The Turkey" by the early Indians because it rises from the blue water in the shape of that beak so sacred to the

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Union leaders representing less than one-tenth of railroad employees reject recommendations of President's Emergency board—refuse to negotiate except on their own terms—threaten to paralyze nation by strike!

THE LEADERS of three railroad unions, representing less than one-tenth of all railroad employees, have called a railroad strike that would paralyze the nation.

These leaders refuse to accept a 15 1/2 cent per hour increase recommended by an impartial Emergency Board appointed by President Truman.

This increase of 15 1/2 cents already has been accepted by the 19 other railroad unions. But the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, and the Switchmen's Union of North America won't accept what more than 90% of all railroad employees have accepted. They have called a strike to get more!

Unions refuse rate discussion
Certain rules changes demanded by these union leaders—which would increase wages still further—were recommended by the Board. But the union leaders want more—they demand that the railroads put into effect those changes they asked for, including those the Board felt should be denied.

On top of this, they insist that certain rules changes proposed by the railroads be withdrawn in spite of the fact that the Board recommended them! These union leaders have refused to negotiate except upon these arbitrary terms.

Greater wage increase not justified
Engineers and firemen are among the highest paid of all employees in America, as figures in the box show. This strike threat doesn't justify giving a greater increase than other railroad workers received.

Emergency Board's a means provided by the Railway Labor Act in the public interest to avoid strikes. The President's Board,

Compare these wages with what you make!

Here is a comparison of average annual earnings of engineers and firemen in 1939 (pre-war) and 1947. Also shown is what 1947 earnings would have been if the 1935 cents per hour increase, offered by the railroads and rejected by the union leaders, had been in effect throughout the entire year 1947.

Type of Employee	1939 Average Annual Earnings	1947 Average Annual Earnings	1947 Average Annual Earnings if 1935 Rate Had Been in Effect
ENGINEERS			
Road Freight (Local and Way)	\$3,969	\$6,182	\$6,785
Road Passenger	3,632	5,201	6,205
Road Freight (Through)	2,147	4,082	5,107
Yard	2,749	4,078	4,740
FIREMEN			
Road Freight (Local and Way)	\$2,738	\$4,721	\$5,310
Road Passenger	2,232	4,544	5,170
Road Freight (Through)	2,089	3,850	4,514
Yard	2,128	3,758	4,345

Railroad wages computed from Interstate Commerce Commission Statement M-300

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