Highlands Dotted with History

The Southern Highlands—a strip running across the entire state, bounded on the north by I-94 and on the south by the state boundary—combines scenic country with early history, according to Jerry E. Fisher, Automobile Club of Michigan's touring manager.

One can start and finish any place in this segment, but let's start our tour in the southeastern portion at Monroe, easternmost Michigan port on the St. Lawrence Seaway.

THIS AREA is rich in early Michigan history. Monroe's associations span the War of 1812 to the era of colorful Gen. George Armstrong Custer of Civil War and Indian fighter fame.

The historical associations contrast with the modern Enrico Fermi Atomic Power Plant.

SOME 40 MILES west is Adrian and just northwest of this college town is 2,000-acre Devil's Lake, an exceptional summer play area and favorite home for hundreds.

Along the top of Lenawee County runs the Old Sauk Trail, once traveled by Indians and later the Chicago-Detroit post road of stagecoach days, now US-12 (formerly US-112).

Clinton Inn, an 1832 stagecoach stop on this route, now stands in Greenfield Village, the 200-acre outdoor museum of Americana founded by the late Henry Ford in Dearborn.

IF A MOTORIST'S GOAL is the Irish Hills, he can get there quickly by using I-94, dropping off on any of several routes east of Jackson, said Fisher. One of the oldest resort sections in Michigan, this sweep of country presents rolling hills and half a hundred lakes and ponds.

The old Bauer Manor at Evans Lake is a stately colonial building that has served wayfarers continuously for a century. There are twin observation towers nearby that permit a view of as many as 20 lakes at a glance. Hills combined with a lake form a tricky golf course in the summer and ski runs in the winter.

ST. JOSEPH'S Catholic Church was built a century ago by Irish settlers. Walter J. Hayes State Park on the north side of the highway fronts on Wampler's Lake, and at an intersection of US-12 and M-50 is Walker Tavern, an early stagecoach hostelry that once counted Daniel Webster and James Fenimore Cooper among its distinguished guests.

At Cambridge Junction is St. Michael's and Angel's Episcopal Church, also more than a century old.

Brooklyn, northern gateway to the hills section, is on M-50 which winds southward and then east around the southern edge of the Irish Hills section.

Just east of Tipton is Sunken Lakes Gardens, a beauty spot operated by Michigan State University. A frontier spot north of Onsted is a thrill spot for youngsters.

AT THE INTERSECTION of US-12 and M-99 there are two choices, south to Hillsdale or north to Litchfield. The latter has the curfew marker recalling Rose Hartwick's Victorian classic, "Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight."

Hillsdale, home of Hillsdale College, is where Will Carlton wrote his tearful "Over the Hill to the Poorhouse." This also is a maple sugar center.

Southeast on M-34 is the Pittsford Game Area, with its picturesque Genesee Mills. Near Jonesville are Cambria and Drinkers Mills, while a few miles west are the White Marble Springs at Allen.

ONE OF THE prettiest lake areas anywhere can be found along US-12 in Branch County.

Quincy heads a chain of lakes extending down to Kinderhook on US-27, supply point for Coldwater Lake. The lively little city of Coldwater at the intersection of US-12 and US-27 is midway between a chain of lakes to the south and another chain to the north. They can be explored at will.

To the west is Bronson, renowned as a fishing tackle center.

ANOTHER GOOD region to explore is along M-60 ot of Jackson. This leads to Spring Arbor, seat of Spring Arbor Academy, which started as a girls' seminary 130 years ago.

This route also leads to Union City at the junction of the Coldwater and St. Joseph Rivers, which was the site of a Potawatomi Indian village and even earlier of ancient mound builders, Fisher said.

AT THREE RIVERS, junction of M-60 and US-131, not far from I-94, are charming parks and gardens, especially the R. M. Kellogg Gardens which have given this place the title of Azaleamum City. The junction of the Rocky, Portage and St. Joseph Rivers here lends to the picturesque atmosphere, plus the prestige of another ancient Indian campsite.

Colon, on M-86 midway between Coldwater and Three Rivers is headquarters for magicians. Centreville is famed for its country fair.

Here also is one of the three covered bridges of Michigan still in use, spanning the St. Joseph River.

"A MAGNET for tourists is the Log Cabin Pioneer Museum at Cassopolis, a city that also is headquarters for Diamond Lake and the center of a thriving trailer industry.

From Three Rivers, the northsouth route along US-131 challenges the traveler, from Kalamazoo to the Indiana line. Schoolcraft, a few miles south of Kalamazoo, boasts a James Fenimore Cooper home where, it is said, he gathered material for his "Oak Openings."

To the east from Kalamazoo is Climax, the place where the rural free delivery system was started, with a marker to prove it, Fisher pointed out.

SOUTH ON US-131 at the junction of US-12, White Pigeon has a marker for the heroic Indian chief after whom the village was named and a pioneer museum to recall the past.

A little north of Constantine is the museum home of Michigan's third governor, John Stewart Barry.

WhereM-60 and US-12 meet at Niles there is a unique historical spot, the site of old Fort Joseph, over which have flown the flags of four nations — French, Spanish English and American. Predating the fort, however, was the mission of Fr. Allouez, which is marked by a large white cross.

NORTH OF NILES along M-40, the little village of Pokagon contains a country churchyard with a stone recalling that the famous hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross," was written while its author, the Rev. George Bennard, was Methodist pastor there.

One of the prettier centers of southwest Michigan is Berrien Springs, northwest of Niles along US-31. Andrews University and the shores of Chapin Lake give charm to this town.

If one follows US-12 to the end he comes upon Three Oaks, site of a Jesuit mission in the 17th century.

THE WARREN DUNES State Park at the halfway point of a scenic stretch between Michiana and Stevensville contains 1,414 acres of beautiful, wooded area and sand dunes and a paved parking lot to accommodate 600 cars. All facilities are open to the public.

One hundred and thirty-five trailer and camp sites are located within the park boundaries under ancient oak and elm trees, and the woods abound in wildflowers and wildlife.

Right at the gateway to Michigan there is the world-famous International Friendship Garden, an arrangement of formal gardens featuring extensive typical plantings of many foreign countries.

ONE HAS TO take the side roads to many of the attractions of this southwest region; the frozen fruit plant at Sodus, for example, where millions of pounds of fruit are prepared, and Sister Lakes Playhouse, standing in a lake-studded area about halfway between Dowagiac and Benton Harbor.

The whole Berrien County area is one vast orchard, with thousands of fruit trees in this county alone. And al through this area are lakes, and lakes, and lakes.

Another book suited for kindergarteners through third grade is "Terry and The Caterpillars" by Millicent Selsam (Harper) which describes the life cycle of the Cecropia moth—from caterpillar to cocoon to moth to egg and back to caterpillar again.

MIDDLE GROUPS, ages 8 to 12 will like "The Giant Golden Book of Birds" by Robert Porter Allen (Golden Press). It is a big, spacious, effective book which describes both familiar birds and the interesting habits of more exotic ones.

Vanguard offers "Exploring the World of Social Insects," written by Hilda Simon, a detailed but decorative book which values the insects by their own measuring sticks, not man's.

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"Water at Work" by Jerome S. Meyer (World) contains a lively account of how man harnesses water for his most important needs—water supply systems, purification, water for power, sanitation and irrigation and desalinization projects.

BOOKS WHICH WILL be a boon to teens and sub-teens intent on science and social studies projects are "The Story of Eli Whitney," by Jean Lee Latham (Harper), a reissue of a book which was highly praised by both educators and young readers, and which makes clear that without the spark of genius within the man himself, the tools than changed the face of America would never have been created.

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"Fruitcake and Arsenic" by Josephine Hemphill (Little Brown) is an interesting and timely book about the work of the Food and Drug Administration. The anecdotes, by an author who was on the staff of the Food and Drug Administration are exciting and true.

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The recipe was contributed by Mrs. William Hartmann of Birmingham.

FINNISH SHORTCAKE COOKIES

¾ cup soft butter	2 cups sifted flour
¼ cup sugar	1 egg white
1 teaspoon almond extract	1 tablespoon sugar
	⅓ cup finely chopped almonds

Mix thoroughly first three ingredients. Stir in flour. Mix with hands, handling as pie dough.

Chill two hours.

Roll out on-quarter-inch thick. Cut into strips two-and-one-half inches long, three-quarter-inch wide.

Brush tops lightly with egg white, slightly beaten. Sprinkle with mixture of sugar and almonds. Carefully transfer to ungreased cookie sheet.

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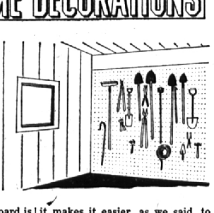

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