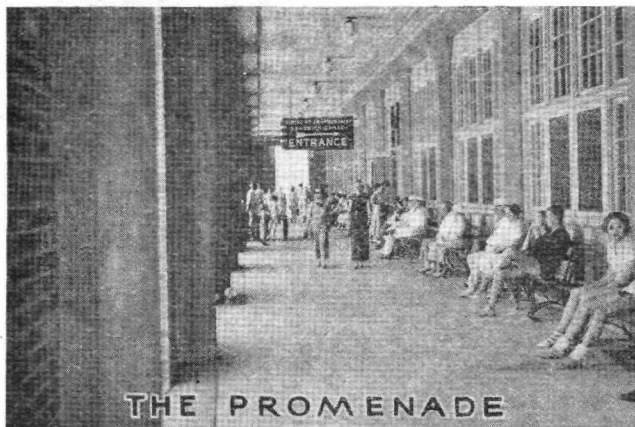


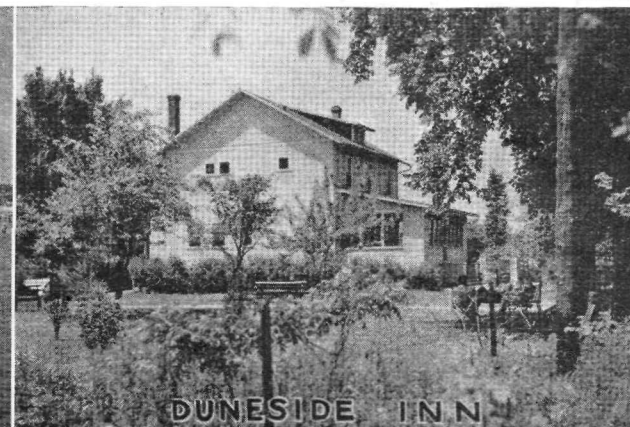
WHERE THOUSANDS PLAY DURING THE VACATION MONTHS—INDIANA DUNES STATE PARK



THE PROMENADE



BEACH AND PAVILION



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THE SUN GOES DOWN



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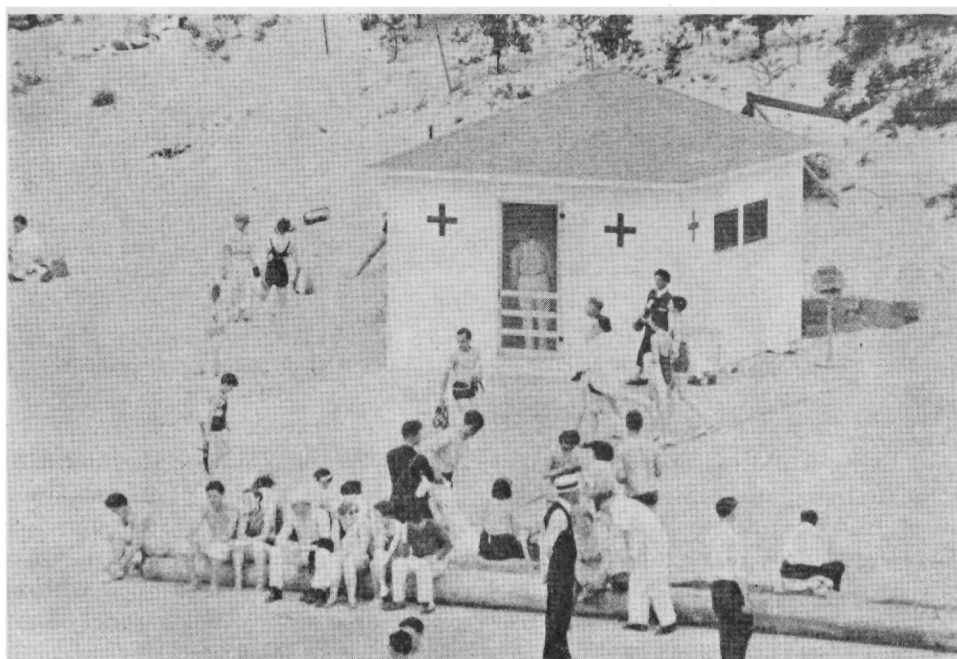
Three-Mile Beach on Lake Michigan Is Summer Playground for Hoosiers

*Sand Dunes, Lake and Forest Form Setting for Vacation Outings—
First-Aid Station on Beach is Popular*

INDIANA DUNES state park, the Hoosier playground on Lake Michigan, has a growing attraction for vacationists and outing groups, with every indication that the attendance this year will establish a new record.

The three-mile beach stretching along the south-

Equipment in the station includes two cots, a stretcher, a complete assortment of bandages, tape and also medicine for all first-aid treatments. In addition there is an inhalator with two tanks of oxygen for use in drowning cases. The building, its equipment and the work being done by the attend-



The new First-Aid station on the beach at Indiana Dunes State Park, showing some of the "patients" and their friends.

ern tip of the lake, the towering sand dunes, the dense forest and the facilities available for the use and enjoyment of visitors form a combination that has made this park known from coast to coast. This year visitors are finding many changes which contribute to their appreciation of the park; a new group camp where Boy Scouts, 4-H Clubs and other organizations can spend their vacations; enlarged and better equipped picnic and camping areas; and a first-aid station on the beach to give attention to park visitors who get too much sunburn or eat too much on their outing.

Opened during the early part of July, the first-aid station has been doing a land-office business from early in the morning until late at night and has served hundreds of patients for ailments ranging from injuries in an automobile accident en route to the park to patching rubber bathing suits. The station is in charge of G. F. Fox, who has had three years of medical training.

ant have won favorable comment from a number of physicians who have visited the park and called at the station.

In addition to rendering first-aid service to scores of bathers, the station is serving two other purposes: it has been made an information headquarters for park visitors who ask all sorts of questions and has been used several times as a "parking" place for children who have become separated from their families. Among the most unusual cases the attendant has handled was patching a rubber bathing suit which had split, to the wearer's embarrassment, and providing alcohol for one bather to wash the lake water out of the watch which he had forgotten to remove before he plunged into the lake.

Establishment of the first-aid station is but one of the many improvements which have been made at Dunes state park for the greater comfort and enjoyment of visitors.

While the beach, with its (Continued on Page 31)

THREE-MILE BEACH ON LAKE MICHIGAN

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three-mile front on Lake Michigan, is the chief attraction of the park for many of the visitors, it is not the only attraction. An increasing number of visitors are discovering the beauty of the forest which covers a large part of the park's 2,220 acres. This wooded area is a favorite retreat for botanists and nature students who have located and identified hundreds of plants and flowers within its confines. At some points the visitor finds the stark skeletons of trees which were buried by the shifting sand and then exhumed as the wind carried the sand onward.

Within the park are some of the finest remaining examples of the sand dunes, huge, mountainous piles of white sand cast up through the centuries by the combined action of wind and waves, and still subject to the whims of the elements. Hiking trails wind through the forest and over the dunes, giving the visitor every opportunity to enjoy the varied, ever-interesting landscape. From the towering dunes the hiker can look far out over the lake, occasionally sighting one of the boats and on a clear day catching glimpses of Chicago. The lights of Chicago are frequently visible from the park on clear nights.

During 1935 Indiana Dunes state park registered an attendance of 175,510 visitors. Since attendance records were started at this park in 1926, there have

been more than a million and a half visitors. Up to July 12th this year, there had been more than 85,000 visitors registered at the park, an increase of approximately 16 per cent over the attendance at the same time in 1935. This increase in attendance is typical of all the Indiana state parks this year.

Visitors come from all parts of the United States, being attracted to the park which is only a few miles from the heavily traveled highways—U. S. 12, 20, 6 and 30—spanning the northern part of the state. It is a favorite recreation place with thousands of Chicago and Illinois residents, who outnumbered Hoosiers at the park during the past year.

For other visitors who prefer more comfort during their outing, hotel accommodations are available at the Arcade Hotel, located on the beach, with meals served at the neighboring pavilion. Cottages and meals are also available at Duneside Inn, located in the eastern part of the park and reached by the Tremont entrance. Reservations for the hotel, the inn and for the new group camp should be made in advance.

The Dunes park area is one of the unique sections of Indiana, a strange country to the visitor from the hills of the south and the lakes of the northeastern corner. Here as in other sections of the state, the natural beauty of the landscape is being preserved through the state parks.