

SECOND ANNUAL GRAND MERE HIKE -- MAY 21, 1967

THE GRAND MERE ASSOCIATION ASKS YOU TO VOTE "NO" JUNE 6TH

During the past two hours you have seen a portion of the variety of physical terrain that makes the Grand Mere area unique. Its towering dunes and sparkling beaches are its most impressive features. The quiet paths, the wooded areas, the inland lakes and bogs -- with their accompanying variety of vegetation offer much to that growing number of people -- the young and the not so young -- who enjoy such a setting. Botanists, ecologists, ornithologists as well as hikers, nature photographers, artists and the casual visitor can all enjoy such an area as Grand Mere.

"At a time when each new day sees additional acreage of natural areas in south Michigan destroyed by the bulldozer, and when a growing population makes ever increasing educational and recreational demands, can we afford not to preserve such valuable outdoor museums as Grand Mere." Paul W. Thompson, research associate in botany  
Cranbrook Institute of Science -- near Detroit

DON'T BE CONFUSED, SAND MINING IS THE ISSUE. Large scale sand mining will be necessary to create the channel to Middle Lake. In the preliminary development plan, which is the only legally binding statement the township has from the owners, the owners state their intent to barge-ship processed sand from the Middle Lake. The location for a processing plant "not unlike that now operated at Bridgman" was indicated by Manley's attorney on February 10, 1967 as being on 20 acres in the south east corner of Grand Mere.

Grand Mere is one of the last undisturbed areas in the path of an expanding population and industrial growth stretching from Chicago around this end of Lake Michigan. Just south of Grand Mere, Indiana and Michigan Electric Company has acquired 600 acres of lake frontage which will eventually be the site of a power generation station. Such a development is not incompatible with recreational use of Grand Mere, but does mean that less shoreline is available for public acquisition.

We wish to thank Judge Philip Shapiro of Chicago, one of the major land owners in Grand Mere for permission to hike over his land. We would also like to thank Mrs. Betty Iler and Mr. John Hendricks for allowing us to hike along their private drive leading to Lake Michigan and for the use of their stairway to the beach.

SAVE GRAND MERE-----VOTE "NO"

ENTRY APPLICATION FOR  
1st ANNUAL YOUTH CONSERVATION POSTER & ESSAY CONTEST

THEME: "GRAND MERE - OUR HERITAGE IS HERE"

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I am entering (check one): Poster \_\_\_\_\_ Essay \_\_\_\_\_

----- PLEASE FILL OUT AND LEAVE AT LOEFFLER'S DRUG STORE, STEVENSVILLE -----

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Eligibility: All students attending Lakeshore Jr. High School or Lakeshore High School are eligible to enter.

Prizes: Separate prizes will be awarded for Junior High and Senior High School levels for both poster and essay divisions. Four first prizes: \$25.00 U.S. Savings Bond, Personalized Certificate with Blue ribbon; second prizes: Artistic Nature Trophy, Personalized Certificate with Red ribbon; third prizes: Personalized Certificate with White ribbon.

Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at a special program at Lakeshore High School, Little Theatre, Sunday, May 21st at 1:30 P.M. Program precedes Grand Mere Hike. General public invited.

Posters: Size: Approx. 18" x 30" (Loeffler's has 3x5' size for 23¢; cut in half). Any media. Place your entry number and Jr. or Sr. High on back only. Do not use your name. Deliver completed poster to Loeffler's Drug Store, Stevensville. Chairman of Poster Judging: Mrs. R. J. Beckman, Benton Harbor.

Essays: 150-300 words. Jr. High: Neatly written or typed. Sr. High: Typed, double spaced. Place entry number upper right corner, include Jr. or Sr. High. Do not use your name. Mail essays to: Mrs. R. Upton, Chairman, Essay Judging, 500 Ridgeway, St. Joseph.

Deadline: The contest runs from April 21 to May 12, 1967. Entries will be judged on the basis of creative interpretation of theme, continuity of thought and neatness, and will be returned only if requested. Decision of the judges is final.

Misc. For background material: To schedule slide show call Mrs. F. Cupp (GA 9-9858); Grand Mere Book is at the Lincoln Twp. Library; refer to "Grand Mere History" by Paul Thompson, attached. Any questions? Call: 429-5051, 429-5161 or 429-9506 (after 5:00 P.M.)