

HISTORY

Valparaiso dates its beginning to February 23, 1837, when the Indiana legislature passed a law changing the name of Portersville, seat of Porter County, to Valparaiso. The site of what is now



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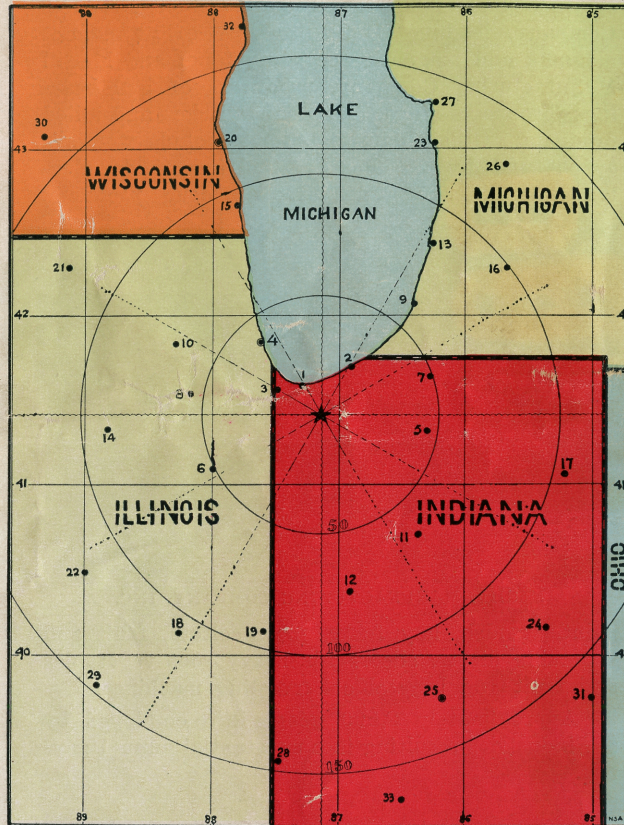
a city of 10,200 inhabitants, was purchased from the Pottawattomie Indians by the U. S. Government in October, 1832. The following year families emigrated to the new territory Porter County formerly a part of LaPorte County, was created a separate county in 1835. Among the first settlers were Adam and Thomas Campbell and their families. The first civil government in the county was established in 1836. Valparaiso was incorporated by special act of legislature in 1850. It became a city in 1865. In 1840 the town had a census of 300. In 1842 the first newspaper, later called the Vidette, was founded by James Castle. While Valparaiso is 110 years old, the first white settler, Joseph Bailly, a French trader, lived and did a lucrative fur business on Lake Michigan, north of Chesterton, coming here from Quebec, Canada, in 1822. Numerous Indian trails, including the legendary Old Sac Trail, traversed Valparaiso.

PERTINENT INQUIRIES

Form of Government	Councilmanic
Population (1947 Estimate)	10,200
Area	2.35 Square Miles
Altitude	784 feet Above Sea Level
Average Temperature	49.17
Average Rainfall	35.28 inches
Parks (Total Area)	18 Acres
Assessed Valuation (Valparaiso)	\$7,740,810.00
Bonded Indebtedness (Valparaiso)	\$96,000.00
Loan Companies	3
Banks (Two Resources)	\$12,637,257.00

VALPARAISO (INDIANA)

IDEAL PLACE FOR Culture and Industries



Map above shows area within a 300-mile diameter of the City of Valparaiso. Numbers noted therein represent the larger cities, the names of which are found on page 4 of this folder.

ISSUED BY

Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce

A Chamber that is an active organization of 215 members, consisting of retailers, industries and civilians. It is affiliated with the Indiana and the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Federal Saving and Loan Association (One Resource)	\$5,904,059.00
Hospital	1
Churches	14
Industries	12
Retail Area	1,200 Square Miles
Wholesale Trade Area	Population 400,000
Newspapers (Daily)	1
Hotels	3
Railroads	3
Airports (Privately Owned)	1
Education Public Schools	5
Valparaiso University Enrollment	1,540
Valparaiso Technical Institute Enrollment	360
Public Libraries	1

CIVIC GOVERNMENT

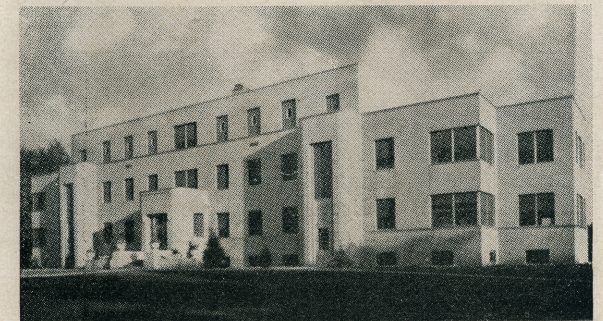
Municipal affairs are presided over by a mayor, five councilmen and a clerk-treasurer, all elected for four-year terms. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month.

The city maintains police, fire, sewer and street departments. The police department consists of a chief, a captain, a sergeant, and nine patrolmen. Radio equipment permits communication with squad car, motorcycle, and Dunes Park state police.

Street, alley and sewer maintenance is carried on by a street commissioner and year-round employees. All except a few outlying streets are paved.

The fire department is equipped with three trucks, one of which responds to calls outside the city limits. The department is manned by six full-time firemen, augmented by seven volunteers.

The city collects garbage and the normal accumulation of refuse twice weekly. This does not include ashes or combustible trash.



PORTER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

A building inspector and a health inspector are employed.

Valparaiso - The Vale of Paradise

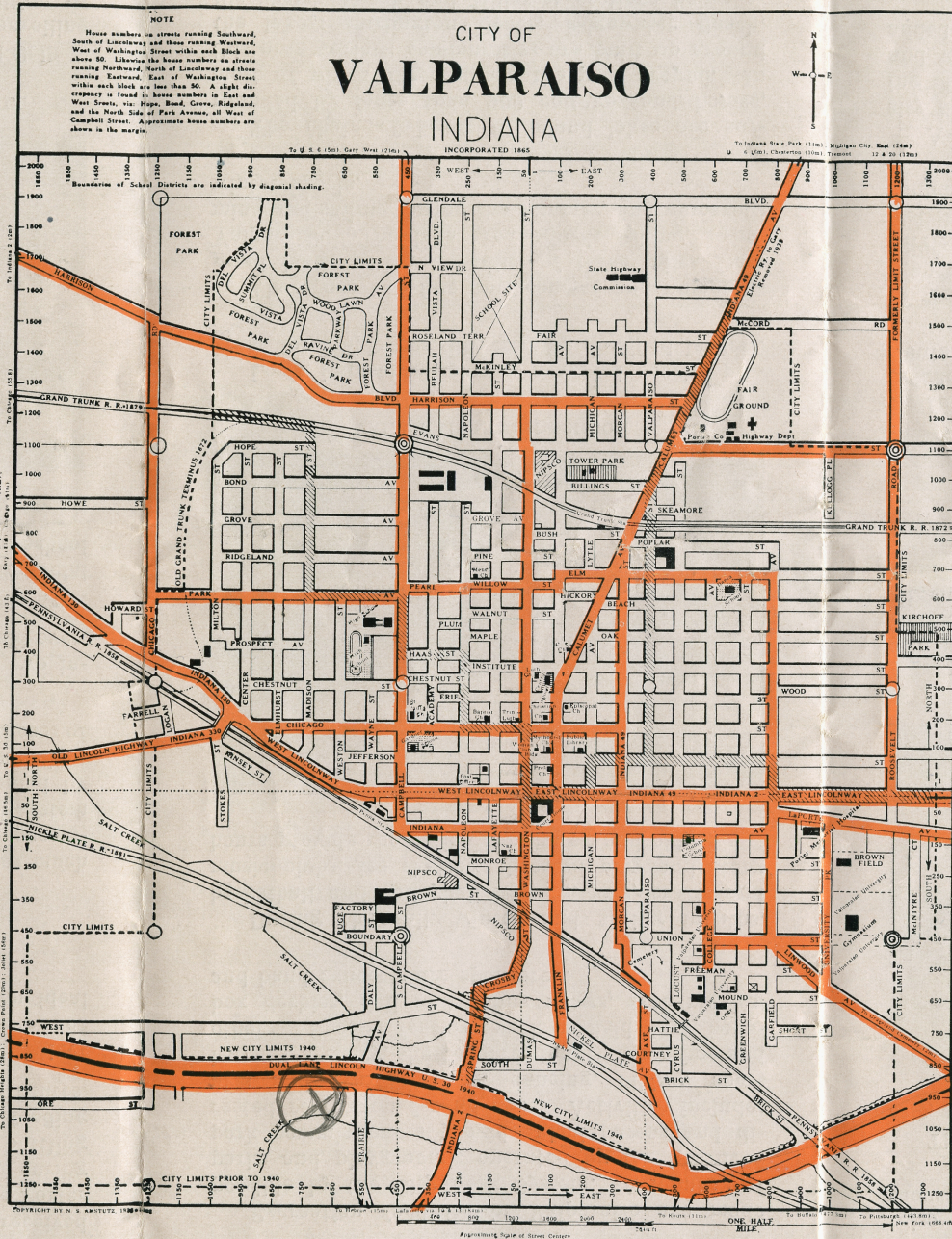
CHURCHES

The citizens of Valparaiso from the pioneer day until now, have been interested in the spiritual and moral values of life. The churches were among the first institutions established and have been maintained during the years. Folk with various backgrounds have brought the churches of their choice to this community, until it has nine of the leading denominations of our nation and several smaller groups with pastors and programs of religious instruction. The Protestant churches of Valparaiso have a membership of approximately 5,000 and the Roman Catholic church administers to 400 families. The Protestant churches have over 2,100 enrolled in their church schools on Sunday morning with an average attendance of nearly 1,500. The Roman Catholic church maintains a parochial school for the grade school children and has an enrollment of 138. Many of the churches have week day activities for the youth and sponsor Boy Scout troops.

HOW FAR AWAY ARE OUR NEIGHBORS?

Who Are They?

No.		Miles
1	Gary, Indiana	22
2	Michigan City, Indiana	24
3	Hammond, Indiana	25
4	Chicago, Illinois	40
5	Plymouth, Indiana	41
6	Kankakee, Illinois	50
7	South Bend, Indiana	50
8	Joliet, Illinois	55
9	Benton Harbor, Michigan	60
10	Aurora, Illinois	68
11	Logansport, Indiana	75
12	Lafayette, Indiana	75
13	South Haven, Michigan	80
14	Ottawa, Illinois	90
15	Racine, Wisconsin	95
16	Kalamazoo, Michigan	100
17	Fort Wayne, Indiana	105



18	Urbana, Illinois	108
19	Danville, Illinois	112
20	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	120
21	Rockford, Illinois	120
22	Bloomington, Illinois	120
23	Grand Haven, Michigan	120
24	Muncie, Indiana	128
25	Indianapolis, Indiana	130
26	Grand Rapids, Michigan	130
27	Muskegon, Michigan	138
28	Terre Haute, Indiana	145
29	Decatur, Illinois	148
30	Madison, Wisconsin	163
31	Richmond, Indiana	163
32	Sheboygan, Wisconsin	165
33	Bloomington, Indiana	165

CLUBS

Valparaiso citizens are particularly "club minded" for they maintain two score or more diversified groups in every known field of endeavor. They range from societies and national youth groups to service, social, fraternal, and veterans organizations. Cultural study groups for men and women in which university faculty members are well represented, and professional societies are active also. The federated club for junior and senior women with a membership of several hundred in six departments, owns its own club house and is rated one of the finest in northern Indiana. All co-operate as one in projects promoted for the welfare of the entire city or county, in which they play a most important part.

AGRICULTURE

Porter County consisting of approximately 400 square miles or 265,000 acres is one of the leading agricultural counties of Indiana. Large areas of the county abound in deep, natural fertility. Approximately 175,000 acres of crops as 1,500 acres of corn, wheat, hybrid seed corn, soybeans, oats, hay and pasture, are grown annually. It is one of

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Spring Valley Hotel

the high milk-producing counties of Indiana, with approximately 10,000 dairy cows. Located in the Chicago milk shed, the highest prices are received by its dairymen for their products. A large Porter County farm is developing new methods of curing hay and new methods of processing and bottling milk and cream that may well revolutionize feeding and dairy practices throughout the United States.

Ten railroads cross the county. It has a distinct marketing advantage, being on the door-step of the Chicago Metropolitan area, and it is an ideal agricultural location.

EDUCATION

In educational advantages, Valparaiso has much to offer. Seventeen hundred students are accommodated in a fully accredited public school system comprising six public school buildings manned by a staff of highly trained teachers. An excellent parochial grade school is available for those of Catholic faith.

In addition, Valparaiso is the home of two institutions of higher learning known the world over.

Valparaiso Technical Institute provides professional radio training in all branches of commercial radio, television, and electronics to high school graduates.



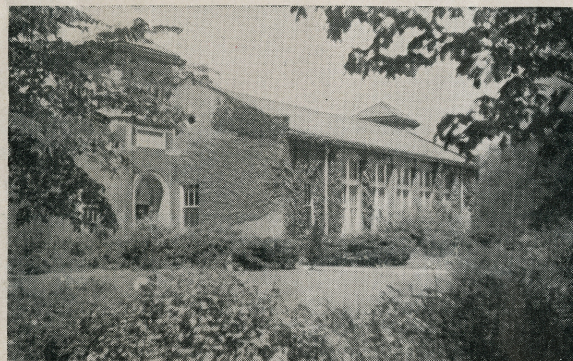
VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY—LEMBKE HALL

Valparaiso University, a fully accredited College of Arts and Sciences and School of Law enrolling about 1,500 students, has upheld a tradition of sound education at reasonable cost since 1859. Since 1925 it has been owned and operated by the Lutheran University Association.

RECREATION

Recreation facilities in Valparaiso are made possible by the City Park System. A number of parks and playgrounds operated by the board of park commissioners provide picnic areas and directed recreation for all ages. Activities include: arts and crafts, music, dancing, hiking, sport leagues, archery, shuffleboard, tennis, horseshoe and others. Special features such as field days, soap-box derbies, doll and hobby shows, free movies, and band concerts are sponsored.

During the fall, winter and spring months, basketball and volleyball leagues, arts, crafts and music clubs, ice skating, directed play and story hours provide recreation for young and old.



VALPARAISO HIGH SCHOOL

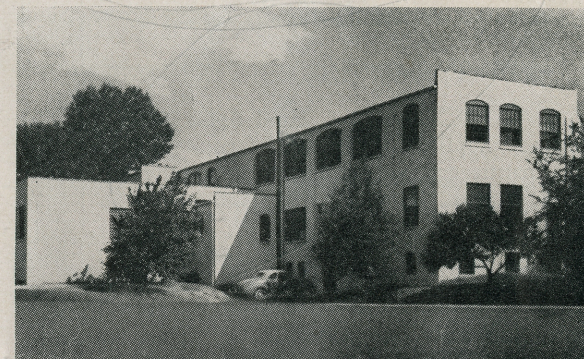
Local industries sponsor a varied sports' program for employees, directed by qualified leaders.

There are two fine golf courses and numerous small lakes within a radius of three miles from Valparaiso. The lake area affords fishing, swimming and sailing during the summer, and numerous winter sports.

The chain of beautiful inland lakes are surrounded by more than 900 cottages and homes, most of which are occupied the year around. In this area various communities are built up around the lakes. Burlington Beach, Edgewater Beach, Blackhawk Beach and Hillcrest sections being among the more prominent. The larger lakes of the group are Flint Lake, Long Lake, Wauhob Lake, Mink Lake, Loomis Lake and Spectacle Lake.

The Indiana Dunes State Park, located on the shores of Lake Michigan 14 miles north of Valparaiso on State Road 49, affords recreation to thousands of visitors to our county annually.

This park, with its Sand Dunes and Virgin Forests, contains more than 2,000 acres, has a large



VALPARAISO TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

picnic area, shelter houses, restrooms, camp sites, dining room and pavilion, and a beautiful hotel, all on the shores of Lake Michigan which offers ideal bathing and swimming facilities.

POSTAL SERVICE

Eighteen mails are received and sixteen dispatched daily over our three railroads and one Star Route.

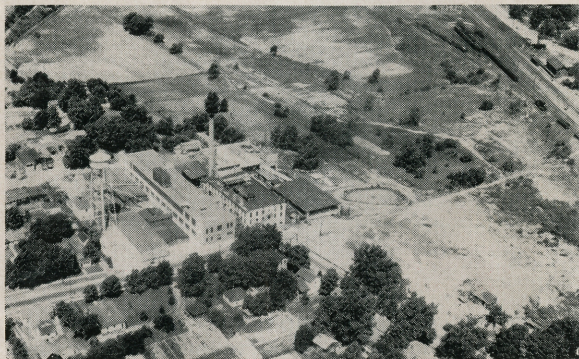
To handle the mail, clerks are on duty from 4:00 A. M. until 10:00 P. M. Nine clerks, eleven carriers, seven substitutes, and five rural carriers distribute and deliver the mail in the city and surrounding community.

A Contract Station is maintained in the University area for residents and students. Re-districting the city for delivery efficiency is now in process and when completed, one additional route will be added and two daily deliveries scheduled.

Postal receipts for the calendar year of 1946 were \$121,142.55. The one millionth money order has just been issued.

TRANSPORTATION

Valparaiso has dependable railroad, truck and bus transportation for freight and passengers. Main lines of the Pennsylvania, Grand Trunk and



CONTINENTAL DIAMOND FIBRE CO.

Nickel Plate railroads traverse the city, while local trucking firms maintain daily hauls to the Calumet and Chicago areas. The Greyhound, Victory Trailways, Gary Suburban and Indiana Motor Bus lines service the city at the Union Bus Depot with frequent schedules in all directions. A new freight terminal here serves through connecting lines to give service for all distant points. U S. Highway 30, State Highways 2, 49, 130, and 330 serve Valparaiso. Available also is a charter plane service at Urschel Field Airport, one mile north of the city

PRESENT DEVELOPMENTS

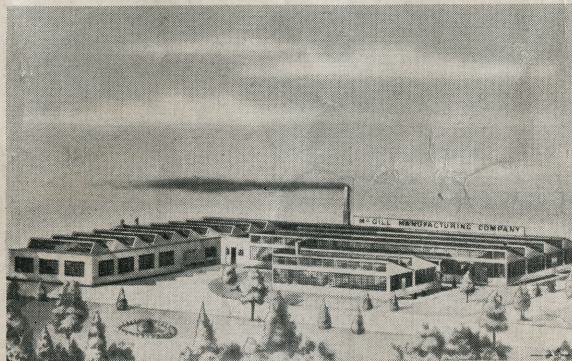
It is the sincere conviction of the officers and directors of the Chamber of Commerce that Valparaiso stands on the threshold of the most progressive era in its history

Some idea of the development taking shape is found in planning now underway in many quarters. This includes the Chamber's leadership in having created a county airport commission which is studying a state survey for an enlarged airport; the creation by the Chamber of a Citizens' Advisory Planning Council to discuss and make recommendations on such vital questions as city re-zoning, creation of a county zoning board, annexation of adjacent areas by the city to provide for needed expansion, construction of a sewage disposal plant and to check what drainage, sewage and street problems need attention now and in the city's future growth.

The Chamber also sponsored action which resulted in issuance of \$195,000 in county bonds to finance construction of an addition to the 50-bed Porter Memorial Hospital.

BASIC INDUSTRIES

There are eleven industries located in Valparaiso. The large firms are Continental-Diamond Fibre Company, manufacturers of Micabond, vulcanized fibre and laminated phenolic electrical insulating materials, the Indiana Steel Products Company, leading U S. producer of permanent magnets and magnetic recording tape, and McGill Manufacturing Company, producers of ball bearings, bronze castings, electrical switches and allied products. Other industrial items include women's aprons and dresses, flour, aerosol insecticide, electrical welding, egg dehydrating, drug products,



McGILL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC.

paint, varnish, hay forks, plow colters, fruit and vegetable dicers, slicers for heavy root vegetables and fruit and vegetable harvesting machines.

Approximately 2,500 people are employed by the industries resulting in a substantial annual payroll.

LABOR

Valparaiso has never had a shortage of labor in peace time. During the war years the supply of labor was reasonably ample for the varied industries here.

The labor population is about ninety-eight percent native born white. Much of it is drawn from the surrounding rural areas where factory trained workers may find relaxation and contentment in seasonal avocations.

The nearby metropolitan areas are sources of labor in the more skilled trades.

Valparaiso and Porter County labor gives full co-operation to intelligent and responsible leadership. And the labor-management relations in existence here are of the highest type.

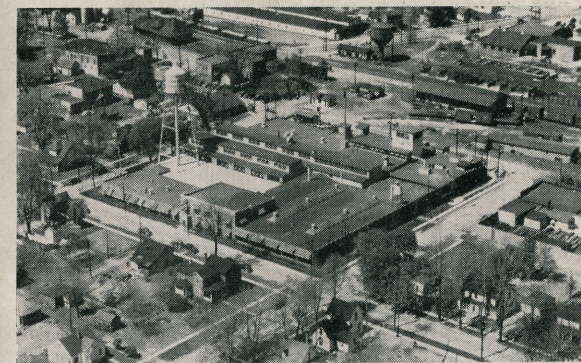
Here in Valparaiso, civic groups, service clubs, governmental agencies, management and labor groups have recognized the fundamental necessity of working together while making a living.

UTILITIES

ELECTRIC—Electric energy for Valparaiso is available in ample quantities with a rate structure designed to encourage use by homes, commercial establishments, and industries. The rates for electric energy which is provided by the Northern Indiana Public Service Company, are as low as can be found in any industrial city. Valparaiso receives its electric service through an interconnected high-voltage transmission system which assures a continuous, dependable supply of electric service at all times for every need.

GAS—A high-grade gas of 1,000 Btu. per cubic foot is also furnished by the Northern Indiana Public Service Company at very favorable rates for homes and industries.

The company maintains a competent staff of trained specialists which is available at all times for consultation on any problem relating to the use of gas or electric service.



THE INDIANA STEEL PRODUCTS CO.

WATER — Municipally owned plant pumping 1,185,000 gallons daily, capacity, 2,000,000 gallons, storage capacity, 500,000 gallons; alkalinity, 250-300 per millions.