

# WHEEL COMPANY'S PICNIC SUCCESSFUL

Estimate More Than 8,000  
Persons Attended Event  
Held at Lake Lansing

Employees, officers and department heads of the Motor Wheel corporation and their families called it a day at midnight Friday night and motored home, tired but happy after an all-day program and picnic at Lakeside, Lake Lansing. The turnout was one of the largest ever recorded at the resort and one of the greatest known to industrial history in this city.

It was estimated that shortly after noon over 8,000 persons were participating in the festivities. There were nearly 700 automobiles in the parade Friday morning which started for the lake. Many had gone to the lake earlier in the day and did not join in the street demonstration. Despite the huge crowd no accidents of any importance occurred.

### Ball Games Attract Crowd

The program was complete and filled with unusual stunts and fun-making events. The two baseball games attracted the major crowd. DanDee Bread girls' softball team, however, took the Motor Wheel girls down the line in a contest ending with a score of 14 and 8. In the game between picked teams of the wheel plant and the steel working division, the steel workers won by a score of 12 to 8.

At noon the baskets were unpacked and each picknicker was furnished with a barbecued meat portion. The pie wagon was also handing out delicious samples of pastry. The Motor Wheel orchestra furnished music for the old time dancing contests in the pavilion. At night the regular Lakeside orchestra functioned for the younger and more nimble set.

One of the features, as the day was closing, was a parachute drop from an airplane. This was substituted for the balloon ascension and drop and furnished more of a real thrill for the crowd. Vocational school band offered a well selected program and the Motor Wheel clown band supplemented this program with one of its own, not so-hot musically, but a fun maker for the crowd.

Tired but happy the wheel makers and their families left the lake after a great day which is indicative of what can be done by the right factory spirit and co-operation of employees and officers. The picnic as to numerical attendance is believed to have topped anything ever held in the state outside of Detroit.

## 'Wheel' Picnic Huge Success

Prize Contests Are Features of Affair Held at Lake Lansing

The Motor Wheel picnic at Lakeside, Lake Lansing Friday was worth more to some of the wheel makers than the mere frolic, for the prizes awarded to some of the contestants had real financial worth. Contests were scattered throughout the long program and winners carried home something of more value than tired feet and legs.

Principal prize awarded went to Paul Bandy, worker in the wheel division. This was a brand new 1934 Oldsmobile model, one of the niftiest off the Olds Motor line. Bandy helped make the wheels of this new car for the Motor Wheel holds the contract for wheels with the Olds Motor Works.

Cedric Blanchard, steel working division, was given the space oil heater manufactured in the heating division of the Motor Wheel corporation. Employees of this division sort of hated to see this handy home-heating device go to anybody outside their own division. But Blanchard, however, took the prize away from the heating division.

Ken Raymond, also employed in the steel division, will now order a new winter suit. This will be hand-tailored and made to order for him. It was the specification when Raymond topped all in one contest. Mrs. Grover Foster, whose husband is employed in the wheel division, and "Hi" Beadle, clerical force, each are entitled to one ton of coal.

The picnic was so successful and so enjoyable that the employees of the Motor Wheel corporation, officers and division managers, plan to repeat the frolic another year.

# Eaton County To Prosecute George Swift

(By Staff Correspondent)

Charlotte, Aug. 11.—Prosecutor John Wright of Eaton county announced late tonight that he would file a manslaughter charge against George Swift, 23, of Vermontville, driver of a car that sent five persons to their deaths in a crossing crash and train wreck at Vermontville Friday night.

### Carelessness Claimed

The prosecutor said that his 24-hour investigation of the accident had convinced him of carelessness on the part of Swift, whose automobile bumped another car into the path of a fast Michigan Central passenger train with the result that all four occupants of the other car were instantly killed and the train wrecked, crushing the life out of an unidentified transient riding on the locomotive tender.

Swift has been in custody since the accident. Prosecutor Wright said

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