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Elkhart will dedicate two state historical markers

A public dedication ceremony for two Indiana state historical markers is scheduled for August 5, 2006. State historical markers honoring E. Hill Turnock and C. G. Conn Company will be dedicated at 11:00 am (local time) at **Elkhart Camera, 420 East Jackson Blvd.,*** Elkhart, Indiana.

The text follows for the state marker entitled "E. Hill Turnock":

Added many buildings to the architectural significance of Elkhart, Goshen, and Nappanee. Born mid-1850s in England; his family moved to Elkhart early 1870s. In mid-1880s he moved to Chicago; worked until 1890 with architect William Le Baron Jenney. Began private practice 1890; Chicago designs include noted apartment building, Lincoln Park Palace. He returned to Elkhart 1907; until his death 1926, designed public and private buildings here and in other Indiana cities. Designs here included Water Works, Masonic Temple, schools, hospital, factories, and houses. Harter residence (1913) in Elkhart embodies his design ideals. This Municipal Building, 1915, was designed by Turnock.

The text follows for the state marker entitled "C. G. Conn Company":

Charles Gerard Conn began the musical instrument industry in Elkhart; city has been called the Band Industry Capital of the World. By 1874 producing rubber mouthpiece; was granted patent 1875; began producing musical instruments 1875. Factory here until 1910. C.G. Conn Company incorporated 1904. Conn sold business to Carl D. Greenleaf 1915. Innovations by C.G. Conn, Ltd. under Greenleaf included promoting school band programs and one of first musical instrument research labs. Other instrument companies came to Elkhart, employing many skilled workers. By 1970s, about 40% of worldwide band instruments made in Elkhart. Conn Ltd. sold 1969; Conn-Selmer, Inc. continues name in Elkhart.

Everyone is invited to attend this ceremony commemorating two Elkhartans whose professional achievements extended well beyond Elkhart and Indiana.

Historical markers commemorate significant Indiana individuals, places, and events, and they help communities throughout Indiana promote, preserve, and present their history for the education and enjoyment of residents and tourists of all ages. Via the Internet, that history reaches a worldwide audience.

For more than 80 years the Indiana Historical Bureau, an agency of the State of Indiana, has been marking Indiana history. Since 1947, the marker format has been the large roadside marker, which has the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of the state of Indiana at the top. There are more than 470 of these markers across the state.

For a digital version of this release and further information about this marker, the state Historical Marker Program, and other resources about Indiana, visit the Indiana Historical Bureau Web site at www.IN.gov/history or call 317-232-2537.

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