After two years of hard work, he had saved enough money to send for his family. After four more years of work, John felt that he had saved enough money to finance the family venture to the Old Northwest Territory. At the age of fifty-nine, we find John Ewbank located near Tanners Creek in the present state of Indiana ready to carve a home out of a vast wilderness. Was he successful? Read the short sketch of the family, look at the pictures of the home John built, and judge for yourself whether a man can make a success of life after he has reached the age of sixty.

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Fabulous Hoosier, A Story of American Achievement. By Jane Fisher. (New York, Robert M. McBride & Company, 1947, pp. vii, 263. Illustrations. $3.00.)

The career of Carl Fisher, the Fabulous Hoosier, is a story of the automobile age. He began his business life repairing bicycles and patching tires, but soon became a racer and a dealer. From these activities he passed to racing and selling automobiles. Prest-O-Lite, which he did not invent, made him a millionaire. He was a leader in the development of the Indianapolis Speedway, the Lincoln Highway, and the Dixie Highway. With the Prest-O-Lite millions, he built the great resort city of Miami Beach, literally making the land upon which it was constructed. From this he turned to Montauk Point on the tip of Long Island. "Fisher luck" deserted him, this project was not completed, and Carl died a poor man. He made millions and carried great projects through to completion, but he did not learn how to live. He enslaved himself and forgot how to relax. His story is unique in its details, but it is similar to several other stories of men who rose from poverty to power and riches without understanding how to use their newly acquired wealth and influence.

The work is essentially the memoirs of his wife, who was closely associated with him until near the end of his life. Although the facts are related frankly, the work is uncritical and savors of hero worship. It is, however, a fascinating story, a story that began in Indiana.