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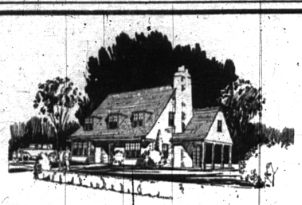

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Says Rapid Transportation To The Detroit Suburbs Is Needed.

An interurban transportation system for the suburban dwellers of Detroit is going to become a necessity, according to Frank H. Alfred, president and general manager of the Pere Marquette Railway Co.

Steam or electrified railroad operation is the only solution to the problem now, he said, and added that as soon as it can be shown that the service is a real necessity, the Pere Marquette will meet the situation.

Similarly, C. G. Bowker, general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway system, said his road is anticipating the necessity of such a service, but it will be as least six or seven years before it can be put into operation because it will take that time to finish the work of grade separation on the line.

"At the present time the suburban dwellers about Detroit are, I believe, largely making use of their own automobiles in getting to and from the commercial center," Mr. Alfred said. "Those who are in less fortunate positions are making use of the buses and the street cars.

"I believe that these methods of transportation will not solve the needs of a highly developed suburban community. In New York the businessmen largely live in suburbs reached by steam railroad transportation (or electrified railroad operation.) The same is true of Chicago. The suburban service given there by such railroads as the Illinois Central, Chicago & Northwestern, Burlington, Rock Island, etc., is ideal. Such service is always dependable and the commuter feels he is always sure of a seat with an opportunity of making use of his time to advantage to and from his business.

"Detroit is the fourth city of our nation and, in my judgement, cannot escape providing a similar service as that being furnished in the three cities above mentioned. It is going to take some time to establish railroad commuter service in Detroit for the reason that of necessity there must be a separation of grades so that a commuter living 20 miles out can reach the down-town district in 30 minutes or less time.

"When such service is established there will be a very great relief of congestion on the streets of our city. Grade crossings on the Pere Marquette between Rougemere and Oak are under process of being separated the work of which should be completed within two or three years. The communities along the Pere Marquette are not yet developed to the extent of making a commuter service justifiable. The Pere Marquette road will be willing to meet the situation in a broad and businesslike manner when it can be shown that the service is a real necessity.

"Commuter service is not profitable wherever operated," Mr. Alfred continued. "To install such service on the Pere Marquette Railroad will require a very large outlay of money to provide proper stations and the right kind of equipment which is special to that service.

"I would not expect to go into the business with the expectation of making profit therefrom, but would depend on the increase in freight business, due to the development of the territory served and the good will of the community to form the compensating factor. I would, however expect the service to be self-supporting.

"The subject of adequate transportation is one that is uppermost in the mind of every railroad operating officer. Whether some new means will be devised for handling suburban transportation in the near future or not, remains to be seen, but up to the present I know of no means for handling suburban transportation that will equal suburban service on the railroad arteries."

While expecting that perhaps an interurban service will be necessary to care for the communities bordering the Grand Trunk north of Detroit, Mr. Bowker said that perhaps by the time such a condition arrived some other form of transportation would satisfy the need.

"Railroad suburban service is not profitable and unless there is really a demand for it, we do not anticipate such a step," he said. "However, as always, we will service our territory to the best of our physical ability."

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits have been issued during the past week: to Edgar C. McBride, 312 S. Woodward, June 21, to repair an old building; to Edgar C. McBride on Ann street, June 21, to repair an old building; to Wash. N. Berger, Pierce street, June 22, for a salesroom at an estimated cost of $1200; to Smith and Poppleton, 211 Mohegan, June 23, for residence and garage at an estimated cost of $14,000.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, in Chancery.

Benjamin A. Cline, Nellie Cline, Edward J. Cline, and Mary Cline, Plaintiffs, vs. John Hulbut, the unknown wife of Henry R. Schoolcraft, Oliver Newberry, Rufus Hosmer, Charles S. Adams, Alfred Williams, William H. Corcoran, and Moses Wisner, Defendants.

At a session of said Court held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, on the nineteenth day of May, A. D. 1926.

Present: Honorable Frank L. Covert, Circuit Judge.

On reading and filing the bill of Complaint duly filed in said cause, and the affidavit of A. Floyd Blakeslee, attorney for plaintiff, from which it satisfactorily appears to the Court that the defendants above named, or their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, successors and assigns, are necessary and proper parties in the above entitled cause; and

It further appearing that after diligent search, inquiry and investigation it cannot be ascertained, and it is not known whether the persons named in said Bill of Complaint as defendants, or any of them are living or dead, or where he, she or they may reside, if living, or whether the right, title, interest, claim, lien or possible right has been by them, or any of them, assigned to any person or persons, and if dead whether he, she or they have personal representatives or heirs living, or where they or some or any of them may reside, or whether such title, interest, claim, lien or possible right has been disposed of by Will; and further, that the present whereabouts of such persons, their heirs-at-law, personal representatives, devisees, legatees, successors and assigns, are unknown and the Post Office addresses of none of them can be ascertained, nor can it be ascertained whether any of them are minors or incompetents, except as aforesaid:

On motion of A. Floyd Blakeslee, attorney for plaintiffs:

IT IS ORDERED that the appearance of each and all of the foregoing defendants be entered in this cause within three months from the date of this Order and in case of their appearance, or the appearance of any of them, that they cause their Answer to the Bill of Complaint to be filed, and a copy served upon the attorney for plaintiffs within fifteen days after service upon them, or their attorneys, of a copy of said Bill, and in default thereof that said Bill be taken as confessed by the said defendants who shall fail to comply with the requirements of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said plaintiffs cause this Order to be published within forty days in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in said County, once in each week for six weeks in succession, or that plaintiff cause a copy of this Order to be personally served upon each of said defendants herein, at least twenty days before the time prescribed for his, her or their appearance.

FRANK L. COVERT,
Circuit Judge.

Countersigned:
BURTON P. DAUGHERTY, Clerk.
ETHEL BASSETT, Dep.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this suit, in which the preceding Order was made, involves and is brought to quiet title to the following described lands situate in the Township of Rose, Oakland County, Michigan, and more particularly described as follows:

The East ½ of Southwest ¼ Section 24 and South 20 acres of the West half of Southwest ¼ of said Section, lying East of the highway, all in Town 4 North, Range 7 East.

A. FLOYD BLAKESLEE,
Attorney for Plaintiffs.
Business address—Pontiac, Mich.
6-12.

Some "Beats"

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SUBURB'S LURE ENTICES MANY

The lakes of Oakland County and the beautiful country surrounding them will attract more Detroiters this summer than ever before, real estate dealers who own summer resort property say.

The annual march of thousands of vacationists to the next county north already has begun. Woodward avenue is filled each week with automobiles carrying them to cottages, camps and lakeside inns. Their numbers are increasing steadily as the season advances.

Hundreds of new cottages have been erected at lakes this spring, and hundreds of others are under construction.

There are 400 lakes in Oakland County—more than in any other county in Michigan. So thickly are they scattered that a person may from the top of almost any high hill, see several silver mirrors twinkling in the sun and reflecting the green of leafy branches.

Large And Small.

They range in size from Cass Lake, which has an expanse of nearly three square miles, to bodies of water only a few hundred feet across. Many of them boast populous summer colonies, public bathing facilities and all the conveniences of city life, while others are better suited to those who like solitude.

From Detroit, one reaches the lake country by way of Woodward or Grand River avenue. By the former route, the traveler begins to see water after he has passed Birmingham and is nearing Pontiac. The Long Lake road, which branches from Woodward avenue two miles south of Pontiac, may be followed eastward into a district more fertile in lakes than any other in the state.

One also can reach this district by taking Grand River avenue to Farmington and then proceeding northward on the Orchard Lake road.

Five State Parks.

Cass, Orchard, Union, Pine, Sylvan and the Upper, Middle and Lower Straits Lakes are among others in this section. Five state parks have been established here.

A network of paved and gravel roads in the northern part of the county provide access to scores of other lakes, many of which are famous throughout the state as summer resorts. Lake Orion, north of Pontiac, has a summer population of nearly 5,000 cottagers, living on islands and shores. Here are dance halls, a public bathing beach, an island amusement park and a fleet of launches that make sightseeing trips about the lake.

Lakeville Lake, a few miles west, also has a large colony of summer residents.

Not content with a lake for every day in the year, many owners of country estates in Oakland County have built artificial lakes. Rolling land with many depression makes it a fairly simple task to dam a stream and cause the water to be caught in a made-to-order basin.

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