

SKI JUMPERS PLAN CONTEST

More than 30 of the best ski jumpers in North America will participate in the first national tournament to be given by the

Detroit Ski club, which will take place at 2:30 p. m. Sunday at Rochester. Besides a number of jumpers from the Grand Beach club, St. Paul, Minn., and three from the University of Michigan, the five Hull brothers, George, Henry,

Carl, Clarence, and Arthur, and Frank Jarverson, all of Detroit, Anders and Lars Hagen and Barney Kelly, will take part.

NEW M'BRIDE BLOCK IS MENACED BY FIRE

Salamanders Used in Drying Plaster become overheated; Damage \$100.

The new McBride Hardware store was in danger of being destroyed Thursday night by a fire in the basement, which indirectly caused damage to the ceiling amounting to approximately \$100. A number of salamanders were being used to dry the plaster which had been put on the ceiling two days previous, and, becoming overheated, caused the plaster to break and fall. Some of the cork behind the plaster fell in front of the salamanders making a smudge before the fire department arrived.

The loss was not covered by insurance inasmuch as the damage was not directly due to burning.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for its columns. All communications should be signed but signatures will be kept confidential upon request.

HITS REMOVAL COSTS

To the Editor: In the January 20th, 1927, edition of the Pontiac Daily Press there is a statement by T. D. Seeley, to the effect that the cost of securing a new right-of-way for the Grand Trunk Railroad will be in the neighborhood of Three Million (\$3,000,000) Dollars instead of Eight Million (\$8,000,000) Dollars. It is also stated in this article that Mr. Seeley has been active in this phase of the Wigwagward project since its inception.

A few days ago, I was a member of a delegation that discussed the cost of this track removal with Frank F. Rogers and Governor Green. Mr. Rogers told us that the cost of removing the tracks, not including cost of securing the right-of-way and damages to abutting property owners, would amount to Two Million (\$2,000,000) Dollars. He said that his office had carefully worked out the cost of removing the tracks but that he had no idea whatsoever of the cost of obtaining the new right-of-way.

The article mentioned above states that Mr. Seeley is well acquainted with the work of obtaining a new right-of-way for the Grand Trunk. Mr. Seeley was undoubtedly active in obtaining the necessary land for the widening of Woodward Avenue. I take issue with Mr. Seeley, however, that

"Arizona Bill"



Central Press Photo

Col. Ray E. Gardner, 79, of Phoenix, Ariz., better known as "Arizona Bill," is the last of the old Indian scouts of the state. He is shown posing for a photograph at Hot Springs, Ark., while enroute to Washington to shake hands with President Coolidge, the fourteenth chief executive he has greeted.

such work makes him qualified to pass on the cost of obtaining a new right-of-way for the Grand Trunk. Land for street widening purposes can be obtained with little or no cost, as the widened street is generally of great benefit to the abutting property. In the case of a right-of-way for a railroad, however, there are no benefits that can be secured against the owners of land through which the new track runs. On the contrary, the new right-of-way is extremely detrimental not only to the property owners immediately adjacent to the new track, but to the entire subdivisions and residential districts within a quarter of a mile on each side of the new route.

Mr. Seeley is not alone in failing to take any account whatsoever of the damages to abutting property owners in this matter. Governor Groves constantly refused to admit that there would be any damage to the abutting property owners. As a matter of fact, such damages will total far more than the cost of obtaining the actual right-of-way.

Let us take a typical example of a subdivision in the path of the proposed right-of-way. There is a subdivision in Royal Oak that is one-half mile long. The new right-of-way enters the subdivision at the southeast corner and goes out at the northwest corner, completely hamstringing the subdivision and changing it from a high class residential district to a district suitable only for the cheapest of homes. The actual right-of-way takes all or part of approximately sixty lots. These sixty lots are worth in the neighborhood of Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) Dollars, figuring the lots at an average of \$50.00 a foot. Every other lot in this highly restricted subdivision had its value reduced by fifty per cent, because the entire nature of the district is changed by the track. The damages to the remaining lots will total undoubtedly \$300,000.00. In one-half mile of the new right-of-way, we have a total damage of One-half Million Dollars. Assuming that we have eight miles of new right-of-way to obtain, there will be a total damage of Eight Million (\$8,000,000) Dollars. Adding this Eight Million to the Two Million estimate of Frank F. Rogers, we have the total cost of the completed project amounting to Ten Million Dollars.

Mr. Seeley apparently does not know that every lot owner in the restricted subdivisions along the proposed new right-of-way cause the State of Michigan of the Grand Trunk Railroad for the violation of such restrictions. There are a score or more of highly restricted subdivisions in the path of the new right-of-way. The lot owners and home owners affected will run into the thousands.

All of the subdivisions mentioned above have their streets running north and south and east and west. The proposed right-of-way strikes these subdivisions at a

sharp angle, cutting through them in the worst possible manner.

It is preposterous that anyone including Mr. Seeley, could be in their right mind in figuring that owners of property in highly restricted neighborhoods are not seriously affected by the running of a hundred foot right-of-way capable of holding four tracks and upon which there will be a tremendous amount of heavy freight haulage, through their sections.

John B. Williams (Signed) 801 Yorkshire Road, Birmingham, Michigan.

STATE OF MICHIGAN-In the Court for the County of Oakland, in Chancery.

Carlton F. Durrant and Lucina M. Yelan, Plaintiff, vs. William Peovoly, Terry, Lucinda Terry, Lucinda C. Adams, Ellen M. Beckett, Cora A. Hubbard, Simon Hewitt, Simon Hewitt, Bennett Burley, Calvin C. Parks, or their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees or assigns, Defendants. At a session of said court held at the court house in the City of Pontiac, on the 26th day of December, 1927.

Present: Honorable Frank L. Covert, Circuit Judge.

In this cause it satisfactorily appearing to the Court now here that the defendants William Peovoly, William Terry, Lucinda Terry, Lucinda C. Adams, Ellen M. Beckett, Cora A. Hubbard, Simon Hewitt, Bennett Burley, Calvin C. Parks, or their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees or assigns are necessary parties to the above entitled cause, and that the said plaintiffs have made and filed their affidavits showing that the present addresses or whereabouts of said defendants or their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees or assigns are unknown.

On motion of Doby and Crum Attor-

neys for the plaintiffs, it is ordered that said defendants cause their addresses or whereabouts within three months from the date of this order, or the default thereof, to be published in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed, published and circulated in said county, such publication to be continued therein once in each week for six weeks in succession.

FRANK L. COVERT, Circuit Judge.

DOPY & CRUM, Attorneys for Plaintiffs, Pontiac, Michigan.

Take Notice That This Suit Involves and is brought to court title to the following described piece or parcel of land owned and being in the Township of Avon, Oakland County, Michigan, described as:

The Northeast Quarter 1/4 of Section 22, Town 4 North, Range 11 East, Michigan.

DOPY & CRUM, Attorneys for Plaintiffs, 124-1/2 First Street, Bldg. Pontiac, Michigan.

A true copy of the above and of the original of the same is on file in the office of BEATON P. DUNGHREY, Clerk, by Mary Cobb, Deputy.

BEATON P. DUNGHREY, Clerk, \$3.44

By Mary Cobb, Deputy.

Karl Zechtem of Berlin had to pay a blonde 50 marks for forcibly kissing her in his office, while she was only required to pay a brunette 20 marks for the same offense.

Mrs. Foster Welch of Southampton is England's first woman sheriff and she plans to supercede all executives during her term of office.

Fashion note: Knees will be worn lower next season.

Advertisement for Rexall Hot Water Bottles. Text: 'KANTLEEK Hot Water Bottles are the best we ever had. Finest Para Rubber, moulded in one piece, so they can't leak. No patches, seams, splices or binding. Guaranteed for two years. \$2.50' Includes image of a hot water bottle.

Advertisement for SHAIN'S. Text: 'SHAIN'S West Maple Avenue The Rexall Store Birmingham Mich.'

Advertisement for F. E. Sternal. Text: 'F. E. Sternal GOODYEAR SALES and SERVICE STATION' Includes image of a Goodyear tire.

Advertisement for Goodyear Service. Text: 'Cheer Up-- What if bad tires (tires in need of repair) were as disagreeable to take care of as bad teeth? As things now stand---a tire can go "bingo" and by phoning 9, you can get some speedy-- Goodyear Service' Includes image of a Goodyear tire.

Advertisement for Goodyear Service. Text: 'And talking about tires and teeth-- You know that some teeth are better than others. After a certain amount of use certain teeth "go bad" and need repair. Usually such teeth require constant attention and go bad when you least expect them to-- and so do tires.' Includes image of a Goodyear tire.

Advertisement for Goodyear Service. Text: 'Goodyear Tires, however, will give you real wear and will never "GO BAD." You will never have to worry about Goodyears giving out when you least expect them to--Goodyears have mileage built right in them. That's what is meant when we say, "GOODYEAR QUALITY," AND BY THE WAY, DID YOU KNOW THAT--' Includes image of a Goodyear tire.

Advertisement for Goodyear Service. Text: '[ More People Ride On Goodyear ] [ Tires Than On Any Other Make ]' Includes image of a Goodyear tire.

Advertisement for Goodyear Service. Text: 'You Should Know About Goodyear Service' Includes image of a Goodyear tire.

Advertisement for Goodyear Service. Text: 'Quick Starting' Includes image of a Goodyear tire.

Advertisement for Goodyear Service. Text: 'When the Traffic Cop slips you the signal he means "Go!"--and no fooling. You'll want a battery that answers "Present!" with a spark-like speed. Ask the leading automotive engineers. They'll tell you to insist on Prest-O-Lite' Includes image of a Goodyear tire.

Advertisement for Goodyear Service. Text: 'This Service doesn't cost you a cent--the extra miles are FREE--because our Goodyear Tires don't cost any more.' Includes image of a Goodyear tire.

Advertisement for Goodyear Service. Text: 'Goodyear Service Station F. E. Sternal Phone 9 for ROAD SERVICE' Includes image of a Goodyear tire.

Advertisement for Buick. Text: 'Everyone says-- "Buick is Reliable" Buick reliability is one reason why the majority of new Buicks every year are purchased by old Buick owners. Buick is the car with the Sealed Chassis, which encases every operating part inside an iron or steel housing, to keep out dirt. Buick is the car with the high-speed starting motor, for reliability in starting--with mechanical 4-wheel-brakes, for certainty in stopping--and with a six-cylinder, valve-in-head engine, for engine performance that is the envy of the motor car industry. Buy a Buick! It is a more dependable and mere enjoyable motor car. THE GREATEST BUICK EVER BUILT' Includes Buick logo.

Advertisement for Williams Buick Sales. Text: 'Williams Buick Sales 602 S. Woodward Phone 1200 BIRMINGHAM, MICH.' Includes image of a Buick car.

Advertisement for Dodge Brothers. Text: 'The Secret... of Dodge Brothers Reputation' Includes image of a Dodge car.

Advertisement for Dodge Brothers. Text: 'The secret of Dodge Brothers reputation for building a dependable product can be summarized briefly and forcefully in two sentences: Never a type that had to be withdrawn. Never a fundamental mistake that the public was asked to forget.' Includes image of a Dodge car.

Advertisement for Evans-Legg Motor Co. Text: 'Evans-Legg Motor Co. 119 S. WOODWARD AVE. PHONE 301 BIRMINGHAM, MICH. DODGE BROTHERS MOTOR CARS' Includes image of a Dodge car.

Advertisement for Garbage. Text: 'Garbage Garbage Collection Under New Management For Service -CALL- PHONE 1000' Includes image of a garbage truck.