

GRAND TRUNK TO SPEND 100 MILLION

R. R. Plans Lauded By Villagers Auto Speedway Electric Cars For Suburban Run

RAPID GROWTH IS EXPECTED TO FOLLOW WORK

Influx Of Residents To Suburbs Will Start, Many Believe; "All Ready," Parry Says

Announcement of the one hundred million dollar plan of the Grand Trunk Railway here today when villagers were told of the electrification of the railway and the construction of a large speedway over the tracks running from Detroit to Pontiac.

Some of his comments follow: Commissioner George E. Tenth, Bloomfield Hills village: "That speedway is a corking idea. It is just what the people of the Hills want. It will save all sorts of time for those who drive into Detroit daily and the small toll charge will be willingly paid to avoid traffic."

President H. T. Ellerby, Birmingham: "It is good news. Birmingham will develop much faster when it has more ways of quicker communication to Detroit."

Manager James W. Parry: "The village is prepared for a great growth when the improvements are completed. It should more than double its population in a few years."

E. H. Tilston, president Birmingham Real Estate Board: "It will do more than any other factor possibly could to create property values in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills district. The speedway is going to prove particularly valuable to the business men who wishes to drive into the city and yet avoid the highway traffic."

W. A. P. John, Tooting lane: "If one thing has retarded the development of Birmingham it is the transportation situation. The rapid transit and the speedway will offer two solutions to this problem. There are many persons of a high type now living in Detroit who refuse to live 45 to 60 minutes away from their office. It is this type of person who will be attracted to Birmingham by the Grand Trunk announcement."

Mrs. Hope Halgren, village commissioner: "In Detroit, there are many persons awaiting the installation of the Grand Trunk rapid transit before building homes in this area. The recent announcement which offers not only the rapid transit but a speedway for automobiles will have a tremendous effect upon the village. Within five years the population will probably have more than doubled. Women also will recognize this as an added feature in selecting Birmingham as their home. They will be able to retain many of the city contacts which they value."

EXPECT CROWD AT HUNT RACES IN BLOOMFIELD

Record Entry List Predicted By Officials As Starting Time Nears MUCH RIVALRY SEEN

Bloomfield Open Hunt will be host to the largest crowd ever to throng Oakdale farm course Saturday, Sept. 28, when the tenth annual Point-to-Point and Steeplechase Races and the colorful Hunter Trials will be held. It is planned.

Early indications point to a record breaking list of entries from the surrounding district, with more horses than usual coming from the Chicago stables. The sporting rivalry between the Chicago stables and the Hills horsemen is more intense than ever. Chicago has let it be known that it will spare no effort to take the Bloomfield Cup and the Burns-Henry Memorial Challenge Cup to Chicago, and the horses from the finest stables in Illinois will be in every race.

Stiff Competition

It is expected, too, that the Illinois contingent will make a bold bid to recapture the honors in the Ladies' race, which Mrs. J. A. Blackwood restored to Bloomfield after they had rested a year at Onwentsia.

C. C. Wainwright, who is agent chairman of the race committee, says that, given good weather, this tenth annual meeting will establish new records for future meetings to seek. The membership of the club was never more enthusiastic and all agree that the Point-to-Point meetings held in Ireland, home of the chase, he says.

The program includes six races and the colorful Hunter Trials which caused much enthusiasm last year. The feature race will be the third running of the Bloomfield Open Cup, won in both 1927 and 1928 by the great chaser, "Lieut. Saxe," first under the colors of John S. Sweeney, of Greer Pointe, and last year under Walter O. Brigg's colors.

EXTRA! HILLS VILLAGE ELECTS BOARD NEXT MONTH

Allen, Story Unopposed In Election To Be Held Oct. 7 THREE MAY BE IN RACE

Bloomfield Hills village elections to be held there Oct. 7 today give promise of little controversy. The deadline last Saturday for the filing of petitions found Luther D. Allen and William M. Story unopposed for the offices of president and clerk respectively.

Interest is centered in the election of two commissioners. Although official acceptance has not been received from any of the three candidates the commission ticket now shows the M. B. Whitteley, incumbent; H. A. O'Dell and J. H. Hunter, as candidates. Commissioner Thomas W. Tallaferra will not be a candidate for re-election. The term of office is two years.

Registration will be held at the Barbour building 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. Sept. 21.

Harry Wallace and George E. Rohm completed the four man commission.

EXPECT HOUSE TO OPEN DEC. 1

Tentative Date Set For New Community Building

Announcement today of Dec. 1 as a tentative date for the opening of the new Community House serves as an impetus for the usual \$100,000 bond issue for a site and school building by an injunction issued in circuit court, Pontiac.

The entire staff of the House is once again at work with Miss Mary Clark Griffith, hostess, Mrs. Grace Trumbull, director of the employment and thrift shop and Mrs. Gertrude Radcliffe, office secretary, and George S. Yaple, executive secretary.

A luncheon for board members and committee heads Monday at "Valhalla," the Hills estate of the first T. R. Donovan, marked the first gathering of Hills officials.

INJUNCTION HALTS VOTE

Illegal Method Charged In Southfield School Issue

School district No. 8 in Southfield Township today is restrained from holding the special election planned to decide on a proposed \$100,000 bond issue for a site and school building by an injunction issued in circuit court, Pontiac.

John C. Castle and George Weightman, electors in the district, have filed a suit against L. B. Buchanan, officers of the school.

Issuance of a temporary injunction restrains the holding of the bond election until such time as the court can hear and pass on the merits of the Castle-Weightman complaint.

Expanded Plans For Detroit-Pontiac Services Announced By Bowker; Completion In 1931 Seen

The Grand Trunk Railway will spend one hundred million dollars electrifying its lines between Detroit, Birmingham and Pontiac and in constructing an automobile speedway over the route.

The work will be started in three months and completed by 1931.

It will be possible to ride on Birmingham to Detroit from Birmingham in about 30 minutes and to drive the distance in the speedway in 25 minutes.

This is the announcement made today by C. G. Bowker, general manager of the Grand Trunk Western Lines after the plans were approved by Sir Henry Thornton, president and chairman of the board.

Speedway

The speedway, 40 feet wide, accommodating four lanes of traffic, will be built over the electric wires and will be accessible by ramps from all important points between Detroit and Pontiac.

With the completion of the new terminal in Detroit, the Brush street passenger station will be abandoned. When the projected works are finished, not only will there be rapid transit between Detroit, Pontiac and intermediate points, but all through passenger traffic will be handled between Detroit and Pontiac by electric locomotives, while Diesel-electric locomotives of the latest type will be in switching service between Milwaukee junction and Brush street, Detroit, according to the announcement.

"The proposed motor speedway, for the use of which a charge will be made, will be constructed on the columns carrying the overhead wires of the electrified system," Mr. Bowker said. "The roadway will be not less than 40 feet in width and will be surfaced with asphalt. It will provide for four streams of traffic, the inner lane in each direction being for high speed while slower moving vehicles will have their lane on the outer side. Ramps will be provided by means of which traffic may enter and leave the speedway at important intersections, and included in the plans is provision for the erection of public garages where the motorist, driving into the city from outlying points, may leave his car and find buses awaiting to carry him to his downtown destination if he does not desire to bring his own car into the downtown traffic.

Construction of the proposed speedway will bring Pontiac within 30 minutes' motor drive of Jefferson avenue, while Bloomfield Hills area will be reached from the city in 20 to 25 minutes.

Villagers and the Village

By THE WANDERER

Delivery men asking directions to Birmingham homes are believed to be more frequent callers at the Community House than at the police station. Many inquiries are made there daily for the shortest way to certain destinations. The police, however, are kept busier than they are at the house telling villagers the time of day and night. As many as 60 calls for the correct time come to the police department in one day.

Tuesday in Constitution Day. From May 25 to Sept. 17, 1787 in Philadelphia, Pa., the Constitutional convention labored over the Constitution of the United States. Today the only observance lies with the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Manager Parry Monday night had a difficult time of it explaining (Continued on Page 2)

WORKER FINDS JEWELS, POLICE FIND WORKER

(From Previous Edition)

One day Harry Seukup, 40, employe of the Bloomfield Hills country club had a small fortune in his hands. The next day the police took it away.

Seukup found a diamond-studded bracelet on the golf course of the club. He took it to a Pontiac pawn shop seeking to pawn it. Suspicions of the pawn broker were aroused at a man of Seukup's appearance having in his possession such costly jewels, so he called police.

The bracelet was owned by Mrs. Otto Kern of Bloomfield Hills who lost it while playing golf. It was returned to her.

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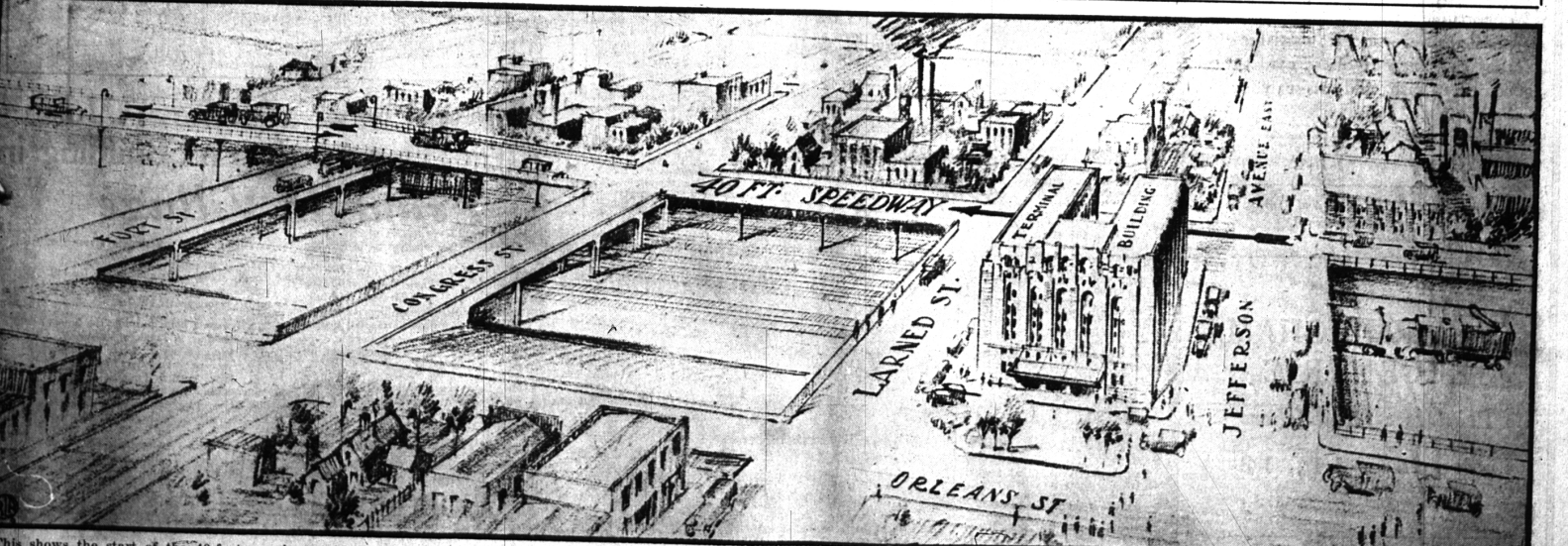
Frank Mulholland: "I look for a population of 30,000 persons within five years. The announcement is a wonderful thing for the village. It will become more like the suburbs of New York City such as East and West Orange, N. J."

John B. Howarth: "This announcement means more to Birmingham than anyone can realize at this time. Our village will become part of the metropolitan area with a population of the better class."

Charles J. Shain: "If the proposed plans of the Grand Trunk are carried out, Birmingham will have unlimited possibilities in general expansion. Detroit's finest suburban area will be accessible (Continued on Page 2)"

Police who spend the day mark.

START OF NEW SUBURBAN SPEEDWAY



This shows the start of the 40-foot speedway which will extend over the new Grand Trunk tracks from Detroit, through Birmingham and other southern Oakland County communities, to Pontiac. It will accommodate four lines of traffic over the four tracks for the electric trains. One hundred million dollars will be spent in completion of the project. The terminal, at Orleans and Larned streets, Detroit, will contain a garage for persons who prefer not to drive their cars in downtown Detroit traffic. The speedway starts at Larned on street level. It rises, streets, are seen leading from the terminal, between Congress and Fort streets and continues above the tracks to Pontiac. The tracks, shown under the streets, are seen leading from the terminal.