

FERDALE, R. O. TO CELEBRATE

Auxiliary Festival Planned As Special Train Stops En Route Here

Auxiliary celebrations to the major festival in Birmingham will be held early Saturday afternoon in both Ferndale and Royal Oak when the special train from Detroit, scheduled to arrive in Birmingham at 2:45 bearing honored guests and speakers to the depot, will stop at these points for a few minutes each en route.

At Ferndale, where also a new station is to be dedicated, prominent officials will board the train, attended by a crowd of Ferndale people led by several thousand school children and headed by the high school band.

Short speeches by state dignitaries and by Mayor Dickson and Chairman F. J. Watson will mark the occasion of the 10-minute

stop which the train will make in Ferndale. A special car will be to switch on the train for Ferris people who plan to continue on to Birmingham to join the celebration here.

A similar observance is scheduled for Royal Oak, where the special train will also make a brief stop, the last before reaching Birmingham. Both Ferndale and Royal Oak are gaily decorated for the occasion, and have enlisted a corps of airplanes to aid in their festivities.

DO YOU KNOW?—

Malcolm Hunt, former township justice of the peace, is among the many Birmingham business men who have expressed their faith in the commuter service of the Grand Trunk Railroad to encourage the growth of the village.

In a recent interview, Mr. Hunt declared:

"I believe because of the added transportation facilities that we will have in the near future over the Grand Trunk between Detroit, Birmingham and Pontiac, that Birmingham will have a population of 30,000 within five years."



There is little danger that passengers on the new commuter service will ever be forced to get out and walk while the train plows through several feet of standing water, as was the case one time on the old 'lectric back in 1898.

The temporary lake, which held up the service but did not disrupt the schedule entirely, was located on Woodward avenue about three

miles south of Birmingham near Bunsford Park Cemetery, where the above picture was taken.

Passengers who preferred to do without the benefit of shower

baths with their ride were left to walk about 15 rods along the tracks of the steam road, which were cleaned sufficiently that the water did not cover them.

Festival Goes To See 'Modern Hotel Rooms On Wheels'

What promises to be one of the outstanding attractions of the celebration is the modern era's train, complete from locomotive to observation platform, which the Grand Trunk will have on exhibition all day Saturday on one of the sidings at the new station.

"Modern hotel rooms on wheels" is the way officials of the road describe the cars which will make up the train. In addition to the newest type parlor car, dining car and coach, there will be a sleeping car containing "single rooms."

This type of accommodation, which is becoming increasingly popular owing to the comfort and privacy it affords, is found on creek trains throughout the continent. Each room contains a real bed and the passenger sleeps crosswise to the way the train is going, rather than lengthwise, as in the regular berth.

Wash basin, toilet and ice water cooler are parts of each room, also a special shoe box to which the A full length mirror is back of each door. A convenient feature of these rooms is that they may be used on side merely by opening connecting doors.

The single section, another popular type of railroad accommodation, will also be exhibited.



Finance

Charles B. Randall, vice-president of the First National Bank of Birmingham, is chairman of the committee of fellow bankers appointed to assume financial control of the celebration.

Other members of the committee are Walter L. Boyland, who drew up the budget; Charles E. Huntress, village treasurer, who did the accounting; and John S. Black.

Softball Game Is Set For 11:30 A. M.

A softball game in the morning will aid in affording recreation to the crowds attending the commutator celebration.

The game will be played on the Hill School field, situated in the block bounded by Martin, Merrill, Chester and Southfield avenues.

The opponents will be The Kurt's Real Estate team of Birmingham and the General Motors nine of Pontiac. Play starts at 11:30 A. M.

Both teams have chalked up impressive records in their games this year. The Realtors having cropped but one game in 10 contests while the Pontiac nine is undefeated.

Lineup of the local nine will be as follows:

Freeman, cf; B. Hodge, ss; Stevens, c; Moore, 3b; C. Weiger, p; Gunther, 1b; Forrester, 2c; L.

CARNIVAL MIDWAY OFFERS AMUSEMENT

A merry-go-round, a dip, and other carnival equipment including concession booths will be open Friday afternoon and evening and all day Saturday for the pleasure of celebration visitors.

Martin street, between Pierce and Henrietta avenues will be the scene of the midway.

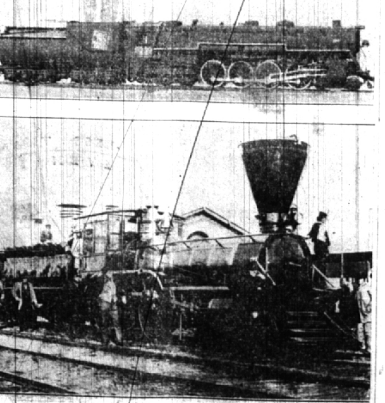
DO YOU KNOW?—

James W. Parry, who has been village manager since 1927, said recently of Birmingham:

"I have lived in seven different states, and in none of them have I found so desirable a place for a home as in Birmingham. I want to live in Birmingham, and watch it and help it grow, and I shall make the most of my opportunity as village manager to aid its progress."

Mr. Parry lives at 511 Oakland avenue. He has also served on the Board of Education.

1931 AND 1859



The extremes in locomotive development over a span of nearly three quarters of a century are represented in the above photos. The top picture is of a model Grand Trunk locomotive of the latest date, while below is shown the engine which hauled the royal train of the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII) through Canada in 1860. It was built in the Grand Trunk shops the year before.

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