Have you observed the beautiful pictures which the misty, lacey clouds paint in the summer skies with these days? When the wind is blowing gently you are able to see the clouds become moving pictures on an azure curtain.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

There is something bordering upon a sort of spiritual reality in the quiet contemplation of the offerings that Nature brings into your yard and garden. Many times I have joined others in standing before some shrub or bush, some annual or perennial, some tree—or just the green of the lawn—and felt a regeneration of spirit. There is something that comes from the soil that makes one feel more at home in this world than, perhaps, most of life's manifestations. One other important thing that approaches the caress of soil upon your hands is the observation of your daily toil well done.

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Albert B. Fall, secretary of the interior under President Harding, has finally accepted his fate, and will spend a year in the state prison in New Mexico. Fall's board and room will cost the federal government $1 per day. What a cheap value Mr. Fall set upon his character! Because he "sold out" his counter cabinet member must spend a portion of what ought to be a respected and venerated old age in prison. In a way, Fall is a "political prisoner"—for there are many, many men in this country of ours who have stolen huge sums of money who ought to be in jail, but probably never shall be. Albert B. Fall is paying a part of the Republican party's national indebtedness to United States citizens.

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Women are continuing to forge ahead in the world of business and politics. Woman are rapidly learning that they live in a man's world, and that they can, through representation in legislative assemblies, change their status. They could, at some future time, live in a woman's world—and then what would the poor male do? This is beyond cursory conjecture, of course. But this you may recall: women have thoughts the same as men; they differ, true, because of the biological and resultant obligatory conditions placed upon them. But, as long as we are governed via the ballot box, and women allowed to vote, we must expect to witness their world changed to meet the demands of women, in the ratio of skirts and long pants.

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We were joking with a chap the other day—one of those hot days, when cold drinks were in demand. "If the old saloon were back again, and beer was only 5 cents a glass, what a line-up of thirsty throats would be there," our friend said. "Yes, and they'd have to put the customers on an endless conveyor belt, each man strapped to position—so they would be kept moving," we conjectured.

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Every once in a while, I find it enjoyable to say something nice about numerous local citizens who, in regard to various phases of life, find time somehow to help others. So I present to you this week Charles A. Bingham, local real estate and insurance man, who has given up many, many personal pleasures that he might do something for youth. Of late he has been investigating various boys in behalf of the local Exchange Club—boys who will be sent to the summer "Y" camp on Loon Lake, up near Hale. This investigation, revealing some of the handicapping circumstances in which certain boys live, caused Mr. Bingham to tell his fellow-Exchangites the other day: "I'm sold on this idea of sending worthy boys to a summer camp. If I only had $150, I'd be willing and glad to give half of it to add some youth in receiving the beneficial change that comes from going to a summer camp." This and That thus chronicleth: more than one local boy of today has gratitude in his heart for Charlie Bingham!

According to newspaper accounts, there seems to be some sort of misunderstanding about the condition of the welfare department in Detroit. You never expect a good politician to be a good business man—even if he is honest, wants to do right by his Nell, so to speak. Some day the public will evolve a method of selecting public servants that is based upon ordinary common sense, and that day arrives, the average tax dollar will be worth about 30 cents under most any administration.

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Fifty thousand persons gathered before what they believed a "miracle picture" in Chicago one night last week, relegating also upon invoking the power behind the phenomenon for their personal uplift and good. The "miracle" turned out to be the reflection of light as it passed through a lace curtain, finally resting upon a bare wooden wall. The lace curtain hung in the room of Sam Genna, notorious Chicago gangster. Police had all they could do to keep the mob from despoiling adjacent

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½ fried chicken on toast, 50c. Dancing, swimming. Rip's, Sylvan Lake on Telegraph Road, Pontiac. Open till 2 A. M. 12-17

NAME GROUP OF 10 TO PLAN BANK OPENING

First State Depositors, Directors, Stockholders, Reach Accord

BEGIN WORK AT ONCE

"The First State Savings Bank will make good, after it re-opens, because you depositors are willing to co-operate with the stockholders, directors, and the receiver, in an effort to place the bank on its continuance," Judge Arthur Lacey, Detroit lawyer-banker told approximately 1500 of the recently closed bank's depositors gathered in a meeting in Baldwin High School auditorium here Tuesday night.

The meeting was called by the bank's directors to select a committee of three depositors to work with similar committees from the stockholders and directors, and with the permanent receiver.

A NEW DAY

According to persons versed in financial matters, the action of the depositors and the stockholders of the First State Savings Bank this week in agreeing to courageously and cooperatively work together in formulating plans for the reopening of the institution heralds a new modern attitude toward the present business upsets. We have held one of the most enthusiastic meetings that I have yet seen, and your spirit has been unbeatable. I predict that you people will save this bank," were Judge Lacey's closing words Tuesday night.

Charles W. Lee, who was appointed Monday.

The Tuesday night meeting followed a similar gathering held Monday night when the stockholders selected a committee of three to represent them in a plan for re-opening. The three men who will represent the depositors are Charles E. Lewis, of Hawthorne road, Detroit lawyer and member of the Birmingham Village Commission; Harry Allen, of west Maple avenue, also a Detroit lawyer and president of the Village of Birmingham; Lawrence P. Smith, of Bloomfield Hills, formerly president of the Central Savings Bank of Detroit. Ernest W. Seaholm, of Kennesawe avenue, was selected as an alternate. He is chief engineer for the Cadillac Motor Company.

Those representing the stockholders are C. G. Baynes, of Twelve Mile and Telegraph roads; Stanley Peabody, of Gilbert Lake, near Pontiac, and W. F. Evans, of Quarton road, Bloomfield Hills. The three to represent the directors have not yet been selected. This committee of 10 will start immediately with the plan for re-opening, and will report back to their respective groups, perhaps before Aug. 15.

Stockholders Assessed

Tuesday night's meeting was presided over by L. E. Colgrove, of Puritan road, who was introduced by Thomas H. Cobb, president of the closed bank. Mr. Colgrove announced the reason for the meeting, and then introduced Mr. Evans, who spoke for the stockholders.

"We, as stockholders, Monday night cheerfully voted to assess ourselves 100 percent on our stock, the funds to be used in the interest of the depositors, to the end that the bank may re-open," stated Mr. Evans. He traced the history of panics and depressions over the past 35 years, and declared that the First State Savings Bank was in a good position, financially, when it closed June 16.

"But it closed," he continued, "simply because it sought to protect the funds of you depositors against fear-driven withdrawals by other depositors. Few banks can stand extremely heavy withdrawals, and when such a condition threatens the safety of the remaining funds, the proper thing for a bank's directors to do is to close it, for a time at least."

Following Mr. Evans' talk, Mr. Colgrove introduced A. E. Bischoff, of the National City Company of New York City. Mr. Bischoff, who is acquainted with the entire banking situation in Michigan during the past decade, said that the present banking difficulty is the result of a world-wide business depression, but is more noticeable here because of the fact that the territory between Detroit and Flint grew faster during the past 10 years than any other area in the entire world.

Public Fear Is Cause

He said that a combination of circumstances, including many Detroit bank failures last winter, and culminating in Oakland County when the Pontiac Commercial and Savings Bank closed a few weeks ago, was responsible for the public's fear, and the consequent closing.

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Patsy Henry Leads Field For Queen Of Pageant Honor

A single bundle of 161 nominations deposited late yesterday afternoon gave Miss Patsy Henry, 981 North Woodward avenue, a wide margin over all other candidates in the contest to select from among Birmingham's prettiest girls a queen to preside over the "Pageant of Progress" during the Grand Trunk celebration here Aug. 1.

Miss Ruby Bickford, 856 Forest avenue, and Miss Phyllis Peterson, 171 Worth street, were tied for second place with 83 nominations each. Nominations will close at noon Saturday, after which the 10 highest candidates will be chosen for election.

Up to late yesterday, 35 different girls had received at least one nomination. The standings of those who had received more than four were as follows:

Patsy Henry, 172; Ruby Bickford, 83; Phyllis Miller, 83; Venita Cook, 71; Jean Brooks, 54; Katherine Mann, 49; Thelma Whiting, 28; Esther Kist, 23; Virginia Moore, 19; Florence Peterson, 6.

Ballots for the voting will be ready for distribution from the five central drug stores—Economical, Woodward Pharmacy, Shain's, Schettler's and Wilson's—Saturday afternoon soon after the nominations are closed.

Nomination ballots are still available at all business houses in the village. Both nomination and voting ballots are to be deposited in a box erected for the purpose in the lobby of the Birmingham Theater.

Voting on the 10 selected candidates will close at 7 P. M. next Wednesday. The winner will be announced and introduced from the platform of the theater Wednesday night, when her three-day reign as queen of the celebration will begin.

The winner will ride in honor in the parade, surrounded by an attending court composed of the

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APPEAL MAY CHANGE VALUE

Pontiac Claims Bloomfield Township Is Assessed Too Low

The assessed valuation of Bloomfield Township is one of several in the county which hangs in the balance today as a result of the City of Pontiac's appeal to the State Tax Commission from the report of the equalization committee of the Board of Supervisors as adopted last week.

Pontiac, which in the report was assessed at $102,203,080, or 31.-80 per cent of the valuation placed on the entire county, named Bloomfield Township specifically, as one of the districts in which the valuation had been placed too low, and asked in its appeal that this figure, along with that in four other townships and three cities, be raised in order that Pontiac's assessment will represent a smaller percentage of the total.

The equalization report put Bloomfield's valuation at $33,792,000, or $1,435,455 higher than the figure established by the township Board of Review. Other districts which Pontiac's appeal claims are assessed at too low a figure are the Townships of West Bloomfield, Farmington, Waterford and Royal Oak, and the Cities of Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge and Royal Oak.

This makes the third successive year the City of Pontiac has appealed to the State Tax Commission from the values placed on it in the June sessions of the supervisors.

Villagers and the Village

By THE WANDERER

Arthur J. Tuggey, Bloomfield Township's new justice, is glorying in his first marriage ceremony, performed Tuesday for a Pontiac couple. "It was no easy job for me," Justice Tuggey said. "I had to think back 33 years to remember how the ceremony goes."

Village Manager Parry was optimistic on the eve of his departure Friday on a week's fishing trip to Iron Bridge, Ont. "I couldn't find a good place in Birmingham big enough for the fish we're going to catch up there," he told this Wanderer. Tom Schooley and Walter Russell, of Birmingham, and Frank Tobias and Frank Hiatt of Highland Park were the other members of the party.

Township Supervisor Parry A. Vaughan hopes to have the 26 men now included on the township's welfare list happily employed within the next week or two on at least three different jobs. One is the paving job at the Adams road grade separation, another is the new paving project on Lone Pine road, and the third is a job of taking up ties from the old Grand Trunk right-of-way.

Imagine the predicament of the villager who, about a month ago, the story goes, rented a house on South Woodward avenue from Allen McGirr, local realtor, and then moved into the wrong one! It failed to discover his error until after he had newly papered and painted two rooms and was about to start on another!

It all came about through a confusion caused by the new house numbering system begun by the village some time ago. The prospective tenant, it appears, got into the house whose old number was the same as the new number on the house he was supposed to have. The occupants were away on their vacation, which gave the unsuspecting newcomer ample time to begin his repairing and decorating before the vacationists returned.

"And after he'd discovered his mistake," Mr. McGirr moaned, "he went over to the house he was supposed to have and decid-

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Board Decides To Keep Pool Open Until Aug. 17

Barnum School swimming pool will remain open until at least Aug. 17, it was decided by the School Board at its meeting Monday night. The board will hold its next meeting on that date, when it will determine from a report of revenue and expenditures whether or not it will keep the pool open for the remainder of the summer.

Louis M. Randall, business manager of the Birmingham Schools, reported that although the income gained to date from admission fees charged to bathers since the pool was opened on July 2 has not covered the cost of maintenance, the attendance at the pool is steadily increasing and he expects the loss in operation will be negligible during the next few weeks.

The village has agreed to donate the water for the pool as long as it is kept open this summer, he said.

Meanwhile, classes in instruction for boys and girls who are unable to swim and classes in American Red Cross life saving methods have been added to the schedule at the pool. All instruction is in charge of Ernest Engle, supervisor of athletics at Barnum School. Admission to the classes is on the same scale as that to regular swimming periods — 10 cents for children and 25 cents for adults.

Instruction for boys who are learning to swim will be given from 10 to 11 A. M. every Saturday, and to girls from 11 to 12 on the same day. Life saving classes for boys will be held from 10 to 11 A. M. on Friday, and for girls from 11 to 12, also on Friday.

Swimming periods for women have been changed to Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 11:30 A. M., thus eliminating all evening classes. Periods for men and the regular swimming classes for boys and girls of school age will be continued on the same schedule as before, which is as follows:

Boys—2 to 3:30 P. M. every afternoon except Sunday.

Girls—3:30 to 5 P. M. every afternoon except Sunday.

Men—5 to 6:30 P. M. every Monday and Friday.

TWO ALLEGED ALIENS HELD

Seven Others Examined In Roundup By Immigration Authorities

Nykoli Ganyk, 38 years old, and James Graham, 29 years old, both of whom had been living in Birmingham, were being held today by federal immigration officials in Detroit to await hearings for deportation.

They were arrested here Monday in a roundup of suspected aliens in which Birmingham police co-operated with two immigration officers. Seven other men were examined, none of whom had passports, but all were released when it was learned they were Russians. Russians cannot be deported to their native country since the United States does not recognize the Soviet government.

Following their investigation, the officers reported that Ganyk, a native of Poland, had no passport. They claimed he came to this country via Canada, crossing the river in a rowboat about five months ago. He had been working as a member of the gang of laborers on the Grand Trunk right-of-way.

Graham who had been living at 226 South Woodward avenue, and who last worked as a laborer at Cranbrook, had a passport issued in 1928, but the immigration officials claimed it was faulty and failed to recognize it. Graham was born in Scotland.

The Russians, all of whom had been working at the railroad camp, had been living in this country for various lengths of time, some since 1910, the officers reported.

Rea Gets 7½ To 20 Years For Holdup

Garland Rea, 29 years old, was sentenced to serve from 7½ to 20 years in Michigan State Prison at Jackson by Judge Frank L. Covert in Oakland County Circuit Court Monday on a charge of robbery armed following his confession last week that he was the man who held up the grocery manager of the C. F. Smith grocery store at 576 East Lincoln avenue, Birmingham, on the night of Nov. 11, 1929.

He had been living in Pontiac since leaving Birmingham about a year ago, and was arrested there by Pontiac police who suspected him of planning another robbery.

Two For Three

Or Maybe One Apiece By Now; Anyway, Somebody's Cool

It was one of the hottest of the many recent hot days. Three women entered the Sells Electric Company store on West Maple avenue. They asked to see an electric iron.

They looked for a while and then left without buying the iron. Sometime later, clerks discovered an electric fan was missing. A fan was much more appropriate for such a day.

A little later the same thing occurred at the Huston Hardware Company store on North Woodward—three women, an electric fan, a missing fan.

Down at police headquarters Chief Hackett wiped a beady brow. "I wouldn't be surprised if they got a third one some place else before we catch," he said. "But I don't know as I can blame them much on a day like this. Whew!"

TAX COLLECTIONS BELOW LAST YEAR

$50,168.17 Received To Date, 1 Percent Penalty Begins Aug. 1

Village 1931 tax receipts to date are slightly below the figures at the corresponding time last year, according to the compilations of Village Treasurer Charles E. Plumstead.

Up to yesterday, $50,168.17 had been collected, whereas on July 22 of last year $67,700 had been collected. Last year's tax roll, however, was more than $95,-323 larger than the 1931 roll, making the percentage collections for the two years almost identical.

Last year the percentage collected on this date was 70.170, whereas this year it is 11.18 percent. An increase of $2346.23 in receipts new would make the percentages the same.

A penalty of 1 percent is applied to taxes that are unpaid before Aug. 1, and a penalty of 4 percent if unpaid before Sept. 1. Taxes become delinquent if unpaid by Oct. 31.

Two-Year-Old Girl Is Badly Scalded

Laura Louise Raymond, 2 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Whiting W. Raymond of 752 Willetts avenue, is in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital at Pontiac as a result of burns suffered last Saturday. The baby was severely scalded on both feet and lower limbs when she climbed into the wash basin and turned on the hot water.

Her condition was reported as considerably improved yesterday.

Arnold Photographic Studios, Birmingham Theatre Building.

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HAVE YOU MET?—

Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Brown and family who moved to Bloomfield Hills from Lucerne Drive, Palmer Woods, on Wednesday of last week. They now reside at Lone Pine road and Martell drive. Their family includes one son, Richard E. Brown, Jr., and one daughter, Cora May. Richard, who is 14 years old, will attend Cranbrook School. Cora May is 7. Mr. Brown is associated with the Fisher Body Corporation.

1931-32 SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET SET AT $426,035

$389,235 To Be Raised By Taxes Includes $50,000 Reserve

OMIT FUND FOR POOL

Faced with the necessity of reducing its outlay wherever possible in order to meet the demands of bankers from whom it will be forced to borrow money during the coming year, the Birmingham School Board Monday night adopted a 1931-32 budget which provides expenditures of $426,035.75. This is $84,941.67 less than last year's budget, and $20,714.10 less than was actually spent.

The total amount to be raised by taxes will be $389,285.75, or $9,171 less than last year. This includes provision for a $50,000 reserve fund as well as for all items stipulated in the budget. The reserve fund was set up to meet a condition of the $101,000 loan secured by the board from a Detroit bank last May.

The board found the task of reducing the budget below last year's expenditures difficult one in view of the fact that only 14 percent of the items were flexible.

Salaries Fixed

About 50 percent of the entire budget consists of salaries which had already been contracted for, and which, the new board learned, cannot be changed except by resolution at the annual meeting of the district. Fixed charges, which also could not be altered, amounted to 26 percent of the total budget. These charges included $85,-000 for retirement of bonds, $65,-000 for interest, and $5000 for debt service.

One of the most important of the budget reductions resulted in

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3 HEARINGS ARE DELAYED

Error Forces Commission To Re-Adopt Special Assessment Resolutions

Due to an error in dating, the Village Commission Monday night was obliged to go through the formality of rejecting three resolutions adopted at its meeting a week ago, and to re-adopt them correctly dated. By this action hearings on the resolutions dated for July 27 were officially postponed until Aug. 3.

One of the resolutions related to the improvement of Lloyd road from Yosc..te to Webster streets with an 18-foot concrete road as requested by the State Highway Department, and for which the Commission called a hearing on declaring a special assessment district in the area of the proposed improvement. This hearing will be Aug. 3 instead of July 27, because of the change made by action of the Commission Monday.

The other two hearings likewise postponed were those on the proposed establishment of special assessment districts for the installation of a storm sewer along the old Grand Trunk right-of-way for Wilder Woodward avenue and the closing of the alley in the block bounded by Watkins, Wallace, Stanley and Hanna streets.

Dance at Helker's Hall 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads, July 25th. Under new management. Adams & Dodge. Mixed dancing, 9 to 2. Admission 50c. Ladies free. Good music, everyone welcome. Adv. 15*

Village Dog Licenses Go On Sale; Lewis Gets No. 1

With the receipt of 600 small metal tags and a like number of form certificates, the village Tuesday entered at length into the dog licensing business.

Tag No. 1 was bought by Commissioner Charles E. Lewis, one of the authors of the permanent dog ordinance adopted by the Commission two weeks ago in which the licensing provision is contained.

Half of the tags are stamped as licenses, while the other 300 are immunization tags. The ordinance provides that unless a dog has been immunized within a period of at least a year it must be confined to its owner's premises. When immunized and licensed, it may be allowed to roam at large only "under reasonable control."

The license tags for the remainder of this year will be sold at $2 for female dogs and $1 for male dogs. Beginning Jan. 1, 1932, they must be renewed once each year at a cost of $4 for female dogs and $2 for males. Dog owners who have already secured 1931 county licenses are excused from buying village licenses until next year.

The immunization tags are issued free of charge on the presentation of a certificate from a veterinary showing that the dog has been immunized. Both tags are issued from the office of Miss Irene Hanley, village clerk.

The village's decision to set up its own licensing machinery was reached several weeks ago following the discovery that an obscure state statute exempts from county licensing all villages which lie within a radius of 20 miles from metropolitan centers.

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Plans For Aug. 1 Celebration Gain Steady Impetus

MARTZ AND PALMER TO REPRESENT BOARD

John E. Martz, treasurer of the Birmingham School Board, was elected to represent the board for the coming year on the Scholarship Fund Association at the meeting Monday night. Ray E. Palmer was named to the board of directors of the Community House Association, continuing the precedent of choosing the School Board's president as its delegate.

RELEASE NEW SERVICE RATES

Grand Trunk Awaits Approval On 1.38 Cents A Mile Fare

Fares on the new Grand Trunk commuter service between Detroit and Birmingham, if approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission, will be $2.60 for a 10-ride ticket, and $8.55 for a 50-ride ticket.

These tentative rates were presented by C. G. Bowker, general manager of the Grand Trunk, Thursday night at the meeting in the Community House attended by committees and advisory board arranging for the celebration to be held for the opening of the service here Aug. 1.

The price of a 10-ride ticket between Detroit and Pontiac has been tentatively set at $3.60, Mr. Bowker said, and for a 50-ride ticket at $15. Commuter tickets will be recognized on the regular trains.

This schedule sets the fare per mile, figured on the price of the 50-ride tickets, at 1.38 cents. Approval of the commission on the proposed schedule is expected daily through A. B. Chown, passenger traffic manager, according to J. B. Minton, local agent.

TOWNSHIP SEEKS LOAN OF $100,000

Would Pay Off Short-Term Notes, Defray Expenses Pending Tax Levy

Bloomfield Township is negotiating with Detroit banks for a loan of exactly $100,000 against taxes to be levied, according to James V. Bayley, township clerk.

If the loan is secured, it will enable the township to pay off $73,000 in short-term notes, $60,-000 of which the School District obligations against delinquent taxes, Mr. Bayley said.

The remaining $27,000 will be placed in the township's general fund to be used for current operating expenses until 1931 taxes are levied, he declared, pointing out that for the first month in the township has been obliged to borrow this year.

VILLAGE VOTES TO LAY NEW SIDEWALK

On the suggestion of Harold H. Corson, village engineer, in a letter to James W. Parry, village manager, the Village Commission Monday night voted to construct a sidewalk on the north side of East Maple avenue between Rugby and Cambridge roads.

Outside Communities Pledge Whole-Hearted Aid In Giant Fete

GROSBECK WILL SPEAK

Gaining impetus daily through the renewed efforts and enthusiasm of committees both here and in a dozen nearby communities, the celebration to be held in Birmingham Saturday, Aug. 1, to mark the opening of Grand Trunk commuter service bids fair to surpass in size and splendor any other carnival ever held in southeastern Michigan outside Detroit.

At a meeting attended by more than 50 committee members in the Community House Friday, C. G. Bowker, general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, A. B. Chown, passenger traffic manager, and Harry Allen, Birmingham village president credited with being the "father" of the celebration, all admitted they were "amazed" at the scope of definite and final plans for the festival as outlined by group chairmen.

Exactly 52 floats, on many of which several hundreds of dollars will be spent, have already entered the parade and the list is growing daily, it was reported by B. J. Meiere, chairman of the Lions Club committee on parade and floats. The services of seven bands have been definitely secured, he said, and arrangements are being made for at least three more.

Grosbeck to Speak

Among the speakers who have definitely consented to take part in the formal dedication ceremonies at the station is former governor Alex J. Grosbeck. Every effort is being made to bring Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways and a recognized world authority on transportation.

An attractive new feature was added to the celebration program yesterday when Anton Brees, world-famed carillonneur, consented to give a special concert from the singing tower in Christ Church Cranbrook.

The concert will begin at 8:30 P. M. and continue for three quarters of an hour. Authorities at Cranbrook have consented to open the church to public inspection today, tomorrow the day until 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Outside communities are entering whole-heartedly into the undertaking. Meetings of special committees were held in Royal Oak last night and in Ferndale yesterday noon, at both of which Don Jordan, executive chairman, outlined plans for the carnival and received enthusiastic pledges of support.

Plan Special Trains

The Grand Trunk will run trains between Detroit and Pontiac throughout the day on its regular schedule, including the three commuter trains each way which will comprise the new service. Special rates to be in effect all day, according to J. B. Minton, local agent, will be 25 cents between Birmingham and any other point on the line, and 50 cents between Pontiac and any other point.

Round trip special tickets will also be accepted on the two trains scheduled to leave Pontiac and Detroit in the afternoon, meeting at 3:30 in front of the new station bearing speakers and other notables to the celebration. Children under 5 years of age will be carried free on all trains.

Giant Amplifier Secured

Announcements along the line of march for the parade, and the proceedings at the depot, will be carried over the "giant voice" of the National Amplifying Systems, which have agreed to contribute free of charge one of the most

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