

# Commuters, Arise! Save the Grand Trunk

A Bloomfield Township man is worried. Edmund W. Pratt, 5600 Brookside, a commuter for the past six years, is concerned over rumors that the daily commuter trains running from Pontiac to Detroit are headed for oblivion, that the Chrysler Expressway may bring an end to the service, that hundreds of people (about 500 daily) are eventually going

to have to start wheeling themselves to work through heavy traffic and bad weather.

"THE LOSS OF the commuter service would be a catastrophe," said Pratt, who hopes to form a club called "Friends of the Grand Trunk," prime purpose of which will be to answer questions and "to represent commuters on the Grand Trunk Railroad."

The Birmingham Community House has been reserved by Pratt for the Feb. 9 meeting. He's calling the meeting for 8 p.m., on a Saturday deliberately.

PRATT SAID HE didn't know if 3 or 300 would show up, but: "I think the station in Birmingham is the busiest, so I have appealed particularly to people in this area who ride the train and are interested to come to the meeting. Any other commuter is more than welcome."

The Grand Trunk says it is losing money on commuters, but is currently making a study of the service.

Pratt feels sure the Grand Trunk management will take notice of a club such as the "Friends of the Grand Trunk."

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# Planners Get Salary Hike In Oakland

Planners are in demand, and because of this Oakland County supervisors have agreed to hike the pay scale of planning department personnel.

The staff had been decreased to the pay scale of planning department personnel. The new pay raises will not result in an increase in the planning department budget since the staff personnel will be set at 10 members instead of 13.

Included among the salary increases was one for Planning Director George Skrub, who will receive \$13,700 instead of his former \$11,750.

# Track Route of Car In X-Way Fatality

Statements from a Southfield man and other witnesses have led Detroit police to believe that Robert H. Jones, 39, was driving the wrong way on the Lodge Freeway when his car was involved in a head-on crash early one morning last week.

Jones and a passenger in the other car, Betty Layton, 40, of Detroit, both were killed. The accident, which occurred at 2:45 a.m. Jan. 17, took place just north of the Davison Freeway interchange on the Lodge.

THE DRIVER OF the other car, Mrs. Jeanette Boguerts, 43, of Detroit, was injured critically and underwent surgery in Detroit's Receiving Hospital for chest and internal injuries.

Jones was assistant sales manager of General Motor's Ternerford division. He was headed south in the northbound lane when his 1963 Cadillac collided with Mrs. Boguerts' car. Jones, who had attended the Society of Automotive Engineers convention in Cobo Hall, was alone in his car.

JOSEPH COHEN, 29, of 28121 Glasgow, Southfield, told police that he saw a Cadillac with an out-of-state license swing into Couzens at Meyers about three miles west of the collision scene. The Cadillac was going the wrong way, Cohen said, and almost hit his car. Cohen's two daughters, Sandra, 16, and Brenda, 14.

# Proposed County Airport Receives FAA Attention

A letter from the central region of the Federal Aviation Agency, designed to show concurrence with or opposition to a proposed new Oakland County airport near Pontiac, has been received at area airports.

The county airport, if approved, would be located about five miles northeast of Pontiac and would absorb the existing Allen Airport, now located on the site. The county has purchased the Allen site. According to the FAA, the new airport would increase activity at the site from the present one multi-engine, 68 single-engine capacity of 500 landings per month to 60 multi-engine, 150 single-engine crafts and 3,400 landings per month by 1970.

Man Struck by Car; Critically Injured  
SOUTHFIELD — A Southfield man, Gerald A. MacAlamy, 23, of 24303 Samost, was listed in critical condition at St. Carmel Mercy Hospital, Detroit, following injuries suffered early Sunday morning when he was struck by a car driven by Donald R. DeCastle, 24, of Livon.

The accident occurred when MacAlamy (on foot) was crossing Eight Mile Road, a half-mile east of Laborer. Police are still investigating the accident.

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# Masonic Temple Elects Area Man as President

The Masonic Temple Association, the board of control for Detroit's Masonic Temple, has elected Willard H. deBruin as Raymond Place, Bloomfield Hills, as its president.

DeBruin is past three-time master of the Detroit Lodge of Perfection and is treasurer of the Masonic Temple. Bodies of Detroit which include some 19,000 32nd degree Masons.

DeBruin is resident engineer of the Goodyear Rubber Co. Serving with deBruin are E. Burke Montgomery, Clerk of Recorder's Court, first vice president; Bernard Thompson, second vice president; Arthur Moschel, secretary; and W. Ray Cusack, treasurer.

OTHER MEMBERS OF the Operating Committee are Harold L. Gillette, past president; David W. Nelson and Howard M. Patterson. The association is composed of Masonic bodies meeting in the Masonic Temple, including 24 symbolic lodges, four chapters, two commanderies, Moslem Temple of the Shrine and the Scottish Rite.

# Judge Holland Retires; Seek New Judgeships

Judge H. Russel Holland was guest of honor Friday at a testimonial dinner sponsored by the Oakland County Bar Association at Devon Gables in Bloomfield Hills.

Holland, 65, will retire Feb. 15 after 27 years on the Oakland County Circuit bench. An estimated 350 attorneys, judges and county officials were present at the dinner. Holland was awarded a copy of a plaque honoring him to be placed in the Oakland County Courthouse.

# Investigators Okay House Seat for Walton

A special investigating committee headed by Rep. Henry Hogan, Republican of Birmingham, recommended Tuesday that Rep-elect Leonard S. Walton be permitted to seek legislative seats.

Walton had been accused by William Harrington, his Republican opponent in the fall election, of falsely campaigning as an incumbent in Wayne County's 12th Representative District. According to Hogan, the five members of his bipartisan investigating committee agreed that Walton should be sworn into office. Hogan said that the election laws Walton was accused of violating are misdemeanors, not felonies.

# Elliott Seeks GOP State Chairman Post

Arthur G. Elliott, Jr., special administrative assistant to Gov. Romney, has announced his wish to serve as Republican state chairman if a majority of delegates to the state convention wish to support him.

Elliott rejected the post two years ago when he was Oakland County chairman and owning in real estate. He is no longer in private business. Elliott became the top contender for state chairman when it became apparent that Romney would not support George Van Pearsom for a second term.

VAN PEURSEM informed the Republican State Central Committee that he would not seek reelection. Indications are that he may go to work as a lobbyist after

# Bits of Birmingham

The odds were against it, but it Birmingham, Willam L. Martin, happened to S. N. Loud, automotive marketing manager for Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., of 567 Oakland, Birmingham, a Studebaker Avanti, both Fiberglass body cars. He chose the Avanti for its four-passenger capacity and because he's a special Society of Automotive Engineers admirer of Studebaker. The convention at Cobo Hall. Out of many happens to be a customer of 14,000 entrants, the winner was Loud's good friend and fellow sales manager: Amplex Division member of The Village Players of Chrysler Corp.

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