

SUBURBAN PASSENGER EARLY PROSPECT HERE

Heavy Increase Yearly As
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Passenger traffic on the Waukegan to Chicago railroads has been increasing heavily each year along with the increase in population in Waukegan and suburban districts of Lake county. The suburban traffic into Chicago is helping make it one of the most important rail centers of the world, railroad officials believe.

This is shown by the monthly reports of suburban passenger traffic handled by the lines entering Chicago which cater to this form of transportation.

One of the largest increases in suburban passenger service is reported by the Chicago and North Western. In the four years between 1926 and 1929 suburban passenger traffic of the North Western advanced over 10 per cent. Total suburban passengers hauled by the road in 1926 was 20,263,250; in 1927 the total rose to 20,318,383; in 1928 to 21,169,067, and to 22,424,728 in 1929.

And suburban traffic has continued to increase this year, C. A. Cairns, district passenger agent, announced today. In the first eight months of the present year the gain is nearly 1 per cent as compared with the same

months a year ago, and this despite the general business depression and the fact that the road has only one more suburban train in operation this year than it had last, a local running between Chicago and Arlington.

Approximately 18,000 people now ride 42 North Western suburban trains between the hours of 7:45 and 8:45 a.m. daily, Mr. Cairns stated. In the afternoon between the hours of 5 and 6 p.m., 43 trains of the North Western transport approximately 22,000 people homeward bound.

Sixteen terminal tracks are now required to dispatch the suburban trains of the North Western as compared with ten and eight three and four years ago, indicating the growth in the volume of this traffic.

Waukegan May Have Another Film Theatre

Waukegan may have another large motion picture theatre to operate in opposition to the Publix Theater corporation, if representatives of a rival chain of theaters are successful in obtaining a site for the proposed structure, it is reported.

Negotiations have been opened by the representatives of the theatrical company with members of the board of trustees of the First Baptist church relative to the purchase of the property of that congregation on Genesee street, immediately north of the Aca-

demy theater, according to Waukegan papers.

According to realty men, the representatives of the theater company have offered the Baptist church \$125,000 for the property, which it has refused. The officers of that congregation have long held that the property is worth \$1,000 a front foot. As the property has a frontage of 143 feet, this means that the church is demanding \$143,000 for the tract.

Mayor L. J. Yager, of Waukegan, long prominent in the affairs of the

church, stated that officers of the congregation believe that the property is worth more than the value which they have placed upon it.

Police last week were looking for a tall, well dressed young man, posing as a magazine subscription solicitor, who yesterday afternoon robbed two homes in Waukegan while housewives were busy in the back yards of their places. No trace of him was found, and a general warning was broadcast by police.

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