



Around 1870 neighboring farmers were called on to help build a new railroad bed. They were paid for their labor with railroad stock, then assessed for equipment far beyond their ability to pay and as a result the company declared bankruptcy.

The Detroit to Bay City railroad opened for traffic in Oct 1872. An ad in the Utica Sentinel in the 1876 gave the schedule of three trains a day leaving Detroit “The short line to and from Detroit, and to the Saginaw Valley and Northern Michigan.”

Around this time stage coaches also ran to several locations. In 1876 a train hit a wagon and destroyed it. The horses got spooked by the engine broke loose and ran home leaving the wagon on the tracks. **Several people were killed by cars.** In early 1879 the Warren station was renamed Groesbeck and the Oakwood station was renamed Warren.

The **Grand Trunk** on the east from Detroit to Port Huron went thru Warren in **1859**. Thomas Edison worked as a newsboy and candy seller on this line.

He also sold the first newspaper he printed on the train called the Weekly Herald.

History Questions

Why did Indians, the French, the British and ancient peoples build walls or palisades around their settlements, post guards and trained and armed the adults in the local community? How many police officers and national guards are available to protect your neighborhood in an big emergency? very few
 What mistakes caused biggest loss of soldiers in Michigan history? Do Google search on Raisin Massacre.