

The first train finally arrives in Bloomington

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waged a "strenuous and successful fight to obtain a station at his home at Trevlac. It could not be named "Calvert," however, because there was already another Indiana railroad stop by that name — hence the Trevlac, Calvert backwards. The colonel was so tickled with the stop near his home that he was displaying flags and bunting when the train made its first stop there. Reported the *Telephone*: "The newspaper reporters made a hurried run to secure snapshots of the Calvert house, but meanwhile the railroad officials induced the generous Calverts to come to Bloomington so the train was held while wraps were secured

and the Colonel started his graphophone."

Concerned about the competition, the Monon announced a new time schedule and vowed to go for record-breaking runs between Chicago and Louisville. Their public reasoning was to provide better service and compete with the Pennsylvania Railroad, but the announcement of their new schedule was a little too coincidental with the opening of the Indianapolis Southern/Illinois Central.

With two rail lines into Bloomington, the town was suffering from an embarrassment of riches. Certainly the accomplishment refuted the snarling Indianapolis editor's comment: "You can't get there from here."