

Duarte Motors Acquires Railroad Land Modern Garage, Parking Area Planned

Duarte Motors, Inc., became the owner this week of some 36,000 square feet of the old railroad station land fronting on Bradford Street and along Standish Street, as well as the station building, and plans are being made for the erection of one of the most modern of garages on the site, according to an announcement by Joseph Duarte who completed the purchase in Boston on Tuesday.

The land acquired consolidates the adjoining pieces of railroad land already bought from the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, the small section just east of the present Railway Express Company which has been used for parking cars, and another on the northern side of the section on which storage garages were built.

According to the terms of the purchase, which involved a price of more than \$50,000, the Railway Express office must be moved before March 1, and the railway station must be cleared of the freight office and other tenants by that time. The express and freight facilities will be moved to new quarters along the tracks at Center Street.

Mr. Duarte said yesterday that he is planning to create a center that will serve the needs of the traveling motorist in every possible way and in doing so will also serve

the town. The garage of substantial cement block and stucco construction, in Cape Cod style, will be approximately 75 feet by 120 feet but will be set back from both Bradford and Standish streets to permit each access to and exit from the large parking area in the rear. A moderate charge will be made for parking, Mr. Duarte said, to maintain a control over the use of the area. The building will provide adequate comfort facilities and rest room. No effort will be spared in making the building attractive without and inviting within, Mr. Duarte added, as well as a credit to the center of Provincetown.

The old railroad station will either be sold and removed, or torn down. This will be done as soon as possible after March 1 so that filling and grading may be started at once. It is hoped, Mr. Duarte said, that construction of the garage may commence about April 1. The section of the unloading platform on the Duarte property will be removed but it is thought that the New Haven company will leave the part of the platform now on its land to serve for loading and unloading until some disposition of the area to Conwell Street is determined. Mr. Duarte said that a fence will be erected along the eastern side as a protection for parked cars.

Present quarters of the Duarte

Motors garage and Chevrolet sales showroom on Bradford Street will be leased to other occupants, Mr. Duarte said.

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Breaking ground for new garage.

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Gone completely is Provincetown's old railroad station and it leaves a hole much bigger than the building ever was. Freight Agent Ralph Tinkham is taking care of his business in an ancient caboose which must serve until a better one is ready for his use. Nevertheless it is a snug little houseboat on wheels and indicative of the great pride which railroad men used to take in their rolling homes is the chalked remark which remains scrawled on a wall of Ralph's office, "Typical example of what a pig pen a brakeman can make out of a caboose" and beneath is an arrow to what must have been the "example".



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