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## *A day in Flint History*



### **1927: The site for Atwood Stadium presented to the city**

In 1917, about 5000 volunteers from the Boy Scouts, YMCA, church groups and other organizations made up a work force to clean up a dump at the site of the Atwood Mill at Moon Island on the Flint River, with the hope of creating a park. The park idea fizzled and the dump returned. But in 1927, Edwin W. Atwood presented the site and \$5000 to the city, in the name of his father, William A. Atwood, for

a park. One river channel was filled, eliminating the island and construction of Atwood Stadium was begun. The stadium was dedicated on June 8, 1929, and in later years held crowds of 20,000 for football games—particularly the annual Northern-Central Thanksgiving game.

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