

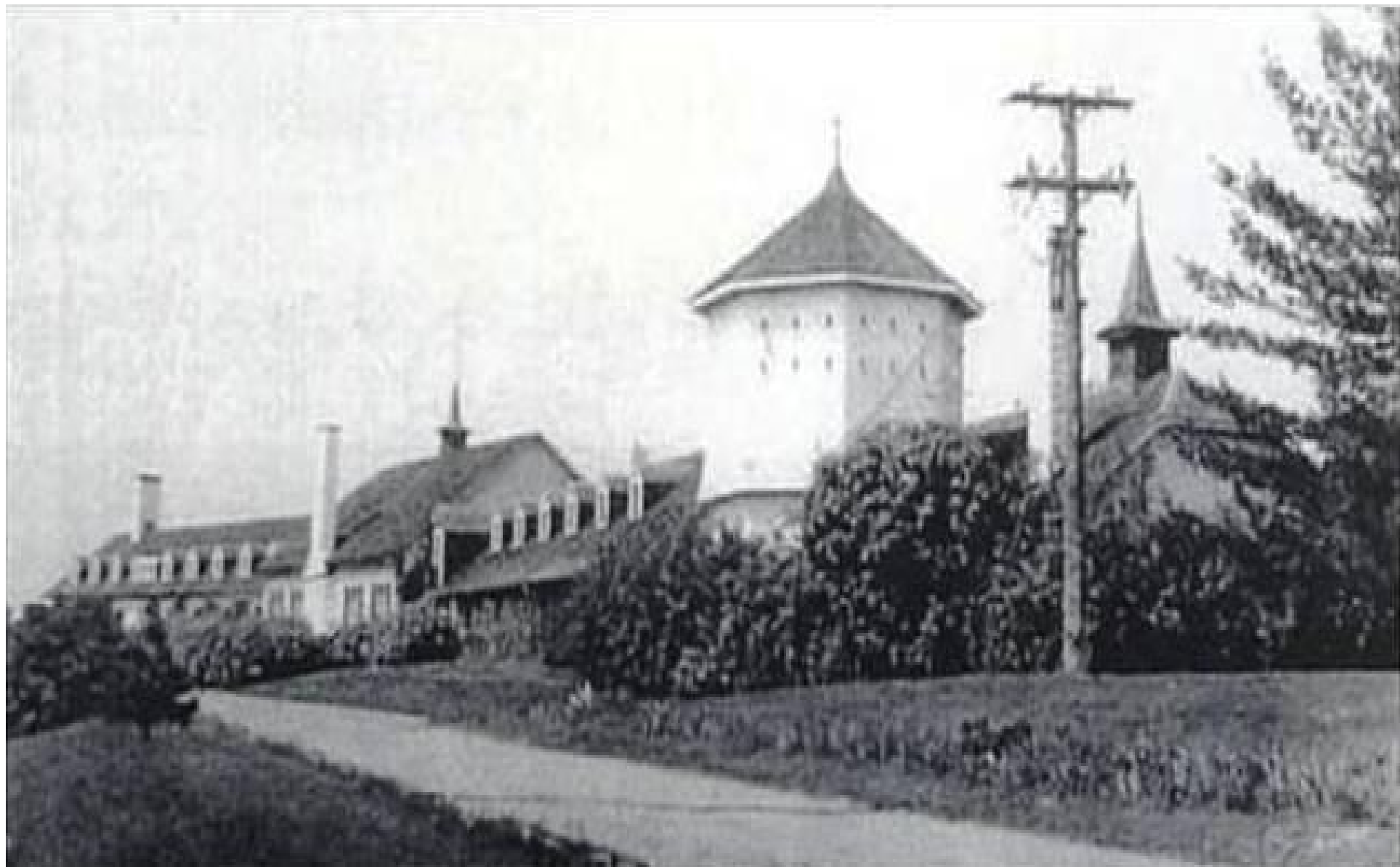


The Blair country estate included the construction of unusually ornate barns just west of where Central Drive is today, on Indianwood Road (above). In 1924, the Indianwood Land Company acquired much of the Blair property and included the Blair estate barns in the original design of the clubhouse for the Indianwood Golf and Country Club (below). In 1926, the first nine-hole golf course on the south side of Indianwood Road opened, followed by the opening of a second nine-hole course in 1927. Designed in the original style of the pastoral Scotland course by renowned English golf professional and golf course architect Wilfred Reid, the Heathland course has hosted major golf tournaments, including the Western Open in 1930 and the Michigan PGA, many times. Detroit businessman Stan Aldridge purchased the Indianwood Golf and Country Club in 1981 and restored the Scottish design to the country club and grounds that is seen today.



In the early 1900s, Frank W. Blair, president of the Union Guardian Bank in Detroit, bought the property on both sides of Indianwood Road from Absequami Trail to Joslyn Road for a country estate. He constructed a house with a gatehouse, pictured above, that still graces Indianwood Road today. A dam at the mouth of the stream leading from Indianwood Lake into Lake Orion, adjacent to the site of this house, doubled the size of the Indianwood Lake that is known today.









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