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## MORE DELAYS ON 'L' HIGHWAY

### G. T. Officials Turn Down Proposed Ordinance on Bower's Project

Further lengthy delays in the submission of an ordinance before the Detroit public on the proposed elevated motor highway between Detroit and Pontiac, traversing Birmingham, is expected as a result of disagreement between city officials and representatives of the Grand Trunk Railway, above whose tracks the highway is proposed to be constructed.

Although Joseph A. Bower, financier behind the highway, has met all the demands of the Detroit Common Council, the ordinance drafted by Clarence E. Wilcox, corporation counsel, does not meet with the approval of the Grand Trunk Railway which opposes the clause in the proposed legislation relative to permitting a

### WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Rolla J. Coryell: "More goes into a building than brick and stone, concrete and hollow life. You must remember the dreams of those who conceived it, the foresight of the engineers and architects and the labor of the workmen who have been given good positions through the hard winter."

third party, or another railroad, to cross over its right-of-way.

After weeks of delay the council recently conceded that the purpose for which the elevated highway was permitted—speed. Bower agreed to construct it to cross the highway or connect with it, providing the crossings were not made to interfere with traffic on the highway.

The council also asked the right to operate D. S. R. buses on the highway, but Bower could not agree to the request. Legal tangles have arisen also as to whether the railway will submit itself and Bower to the control of the council on the matter of rates.

## NOTED INDIAN LECTURER GIVES TALK AT FATHER AND SON FEAST

Dr. Charles Eastman, noted Indian lecturer, was the principal speaker at the Bennaville Avenue Congregational Church father and son celebration Friday when 75 fathers and their boys gathered at the annual banquet in the church auditorium.

Indian stories of devotion, courage, honesty and other virtues were told by the speaker who appeared in costume. He illustrated his talk with examples of Indian fortitude to show the Indian influence in the establishment of character building in youth, Indian boys, he said, were early taught the necessity of courage by being made to sleep in the out-of-doors. The hardships of a rugged life in early youth, he said, was an excellent builder of character in Indian youth, so were early taught to "stick to their jobs" until they mastered them.

Impressed by the speaker the boys beseeched him for autographs and evidenced their appreciation of his interesting lecture. At the Adams School on Thursday, Dr. Eastman gave a vivid portrayal of "Custer's Last Stand," in which engagement he had attempted, as a young brave of 16, to participate. His father, however, compelled him to return home before the bloody battle was over, he said.

Dr. Eastman was introduced by



Mahlon H. Stevens, who spoke on behalf of the fathers. The toastmaster was Arthur Kane, Community singing and a mirth-organ by Allen Churchill, one of the smaller boys, were included in the program of entertainment.

## CARILLON RECITAL

Sunday, Mar. 2 at 4 p. m.  
William Hall Miner, Bell Master

Festivals: Hill Old Black Joe, Foster The Happy Farmer, Schuman By the Bend of the River, Edwards Three College Songs The Yellow and Blue (Michigan) Alma Mater (Cornell) Name — Whitlock — Holden Just as I Am — Wilson — One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest — Woodbury Work For the Night Is Coming — Mason Minuet in G — Beethoven Interge Vitae

The recital will be repeated on Wednesday evening, Mar. 5 at 9 o'clock.

ORGAN RECITAL  
Christ Church Cranbrook Sunday, Mar. 2 at 5:45 p. m.  
Idyll — Johnson — Kinder Epilog — Weinberger Evensong — Johnston Postlude in D Minor — Muller

## COLLEGE HONORS VILLAGE YOUTH

George Greer Williams, a Birmingham boy and graduate of Baldwin High School, has been appointed sporting editor of "The Flat Hat," a college publication, after serving as staff editorial writer and night editor.

Although this is a junior position, Williams has attained it in his second semester. He is a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon and a member of the freshman track team in which he is winning credit as a high jumper.

Williams was formerly a reporter for The Eccentric, a school editor and prominent in many high school activities here.

## Golf Or Fight? Al Tosses A Coin

Al Watrous, new Oakland Hills Country Club pro will toss a coin today to determine whether he'll attend the Sharkey-Scott heavyweight fight at Miami or enter an open golf tournament near Clearwater, Fla. Watrous is a member of the advance squad of Detroit Tigers who will train in Florida. If the coin he flips is heads he'll compete in the golf tourney. If it's tails, he will attend the fight, he says.

Two Speeders Fined  
Two speeders, charged with driving 45 miles per hour on Woodward avenue through the village, paid fines of \$15 each in the court of Justice Malcolm Hunt last weekend. Arthur G. McCaldan, of Flint, appeared Thursday after having been arrested Jan. 24. The other speeder was Fred S. Warner, of the Grant Hotel, Detroit, arrested and arraigned Friday.

## TOMMY FILMORE IS WATROUS' AID

Oakland Hills Pro Names Hockley Star As His Assistant

Tommy Filmore, whom Al Watrous has appointed as his assistant at Oakland Hills Country Club, comes with as fine a record as a golfer as he boasts in hockey.

For three years the Olympic right winger has served as assistant professional at Kent Muesch in London, where he holds the course record—a 67—and in addition to this he holds the course mark at Thames Valley Country Club, where he toured the fair ways and greens some time ago in 66.

With a record such as this Filmore should make an ideal assistant for Watrous at the big layout at Oakland Hills.

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## OAKLAND COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

The newest club in the Village of Milford is the Cranbrook Bridge Club, organized recently. The first meeting of the club was held at the home of Mrs. Howard J. Reid.

The following have been selected for the village election at South Lyon: President, Walter Marshall; clerk, W. E. Beaudry; Commissioner, L. E. Lorenzen and W. L. Walker.

Damage amounting to between \$4,000 and \$5,000 was incurred Sunday morning at Clarkston when fire, believed to have originated from an overheated furnace, gutted the Clarkston Methodist Church just before services were scheduled to begin.

Mrs. Henrietta Henkle, 85 years old, prominent in charity work in the village of Lake Orion, died at her home Sunday after a five-week illness.

Returning from school to her home in Ferndale, 8-year-old Jeanette Esobstone, Monday found her mother, Mrs. Hazel Esobstone, 41, dead of self-aspixiation. At the home of the female fire department pulmonologist to revive the woman failed.

Sixty members of the Ortonville Ladies Literary Club Thursday afternoon celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the club's organization with a program at the village hotel. Guests from Pontiac, Lapeer, Detroit, Davison and nearby communities attended.

Breaking into a Royal Oak department store at the corner of Third and Main streets early Friday, thieves escaped with a loot consisting chiefly of men's clothing.

Dr. William H. Aulbach, of Cranbrook School for Boys was the principal speaker Saturday at the Washington Birthday celebration at Holly, Dr. Aulbach advised parents to give their children responsibilities and keep them interested.

My modest query: "Where do you think you're going?" he will reply in other than quaint, robust, venerable, piquant and mysterious syllables — sharp-prowed words that cut the sea of sound, leaving a wake of foam behind!

Return to Village  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean, 1411 Humphrey street, are expected to return this week from Champaign, Ill., where they went recently with their niece, Hettie Dean, who was ill.

Richard Lake, 719 Hazel street, returned Sunday from Hot Springs, Ark., where he had gone for health treatments.

## MRS. GEORGE F. KEY DIES IN DETROIT

Sister of Dr. Harriet Hawkins Was Well-Known in Birmingham

Funeral services were held Feb. 18 for Mrs. George F. Key, of 632 Merrick avenue, Detroit, who died in her home Feb. 15 after a protracted illness. Dr. Chester B. Emerson, of the North Woodward Avenue Congregational Church, officiated at the same address, and were conducted at the Hamilton Funeral Home. Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Mrs. Key, 60 years old, was well known in Birmingham through her sister, Dr. Harriet Hawkins, of Redding road. Other survivors include her husband, George F., a son, Bernard Whiteside, of the same address, and a brother, F. Bernard Hawkins, of Youngstown, O.

Mrs. Key was a member of many Detroit organizations, including the Tuesday Musicals, the Detroit Review club, and Detroit branch of P. E. O., of which she was a charter member. She was a graduate of the State Normal School at Ypsilanti and of the University School of Music at Ann Arbor.

PONTIAC SPEEDER FINED  
Arrested Friday by Patrolman Isma Banks of the Bloomfield Hills police on a charge of speeding 60 miles an hour through the village on Friday, Alvin R. Booth, 39 Dakota street, Pontiac, Monday pleaded guilty before Justice Floyd S. Buck and was fined \$20. Booth originally denied the charge.

ATTEND FUNERAL  
Mr. Howard Pollock, 183 Ruffner street, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pollock, of Smith street, are expected to return from Adrian, Mich., today where they attended the funeral of their grandmother, Mrs. Elias C. Hodges, of that city. Mrs. Hodges, who was 88 years old, died Monday. Funeral services were held yesterday in Jasper, Mich.

OPEN BRANCH STORE  
The Wagner Electric Co. of Detroit have announced the opening of a new branch store in the Wabash Building under the management of G. Lester Sells. The store will be opened Mar. 1.

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## Bo Broadway

By JOSEPH VAN BAALTE

New York, Feb. 27.—All those whom the late Ticker Tumble left sad, mad or glad, as well as the poor old mule, inglorious investor, will find something of interest in the new book that Macmillan has just published, "The Stock Market Crash—and After," by Professor Irving "Ally" Fisher of Yale.

The level of prices now maintained in the market, Irving points out, is evidence of a sound industrial and trade condition in the country. And as for the "panic" (in quotes) why, the "panic" was merely "technical" in its character and largely artificial.

Reminds me of Mark Twain's friend, Mr. Ballou.

It was Mr. Ballou, you will recall, who remarked that the coffee was too "technical" for him.

## LO. THE TRUCK DRIVER

A Tribute to the Truck Driver: The truck driver, long the symbol of all that was rough in motor-dom, is due to undergo considerable softening.

"Few people have realized," according to a motor truck ad, "that there was good reason for the truck driver's temperament. His vehicle rode like a donkey. The seats were hard and the brakes required full strength pressure at all day companies. It was a great thing to ruin the disposition. But now, all bodies are streamlined, accommodations as comfortable as any passenger car. The coloring is appealing, the driving effort has been reduced to a minimum and the metal parts in the cab interior are chromium plated."

All that may help, but personally I doubt it. After a long experience with truck drivers on the open road my belief is that no mechanical, metallic or chromatic improvement is potent enough to soften the robust effluvia of his spoken thoughts, or to ease his attitude from the danger of the slum barroom.

Which, after all, is as it should be. May I never live to see the day of the emancipation of the American truck driver. May I never live to see the day when even the meek are will be stripped from his Elizabethan breath of parlance. May I never live to see the day when, in answer to

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