

## Two of Three School Projects to Provide Minimum Educational Benefits

### Changes Are Needed in Government

After four months as Governor Kim Sigler's executive secretary, a post that has enabled him to be "on the inside" of practically every movement and maneuver that has taken place in Lansing since January, Sigler has strengthened an old civic conviction. He held for many years; it is that the level of legislative activity is speeded or held back by minority "pressure" groups. He believes that good citizens, unorganized and busy in their own affairs, fail to make practical impact upon their legislators.

In other words, having voted at election time for a State Representative or a State Senator, your average citizen assumes that he and the State have done all that is necessary to make the processes of self-government a living, workable principle.

Let me give you a concrete situation, illustrative of most matters that Legislature deals with.

### Regulating Labor

For more than a dozen years, under New Deal machinations, the United States has witnessed the enactment of law, rules and regulations, that placed labor and labor leaders in special favor. Under these laws, rules and regulations, labor has been given privileges far beyond those given management—though, under Constitutional Law, both groups are supposed to be treated equitably. The makers of laws, rules and regulations, has become so strong that even Government has been challenged!

When the present President Roosevelt, his great "lobbyist" was removed from the "inside" with the end of the war the "emergency" was passed, and certain public officials, together with millowners and labor leaders, decided to place upon labor decent restrictions. . . . restrictions that would prevent labor leaders from plunging the United States into an economic depression.

At last November's national and State elections, the New Deal policies were discredited. The members of the Republican Party were elected to such an extent that they now control both the U. S. Congress and most State Legislatures. This is, of course, true in Michigan.

Here in Michigan, now, as labor laws in Michigan are held up, a number of changes have been suggested by our Legislative Representative and by the members of the Michigan State Legislature. They are to require that labor organizations incorporate, and are held responsible for their actions; that labor organizations publish annual financial statements; that labor leaders, before calling a strike in a plant, advise the State Labor Relations Board of their intentions; that labor organizations have the right to vote, in secret, . . . and that a majority of all employees must vote for a strike before it is called; that the picketing of a plant be held only by employees of that plant only. . . . in brief, to require labor organizations to assume their responsibilities, that all other segments of our society should do the same.

When such legislative proposals are presented at Lansing, public officials are held up by the Committee of the House and the Senate; or sides are supposed to be taken. The bill is then sent to the floor for a vote. If the bill is passed, it is then sent to the Governor for his signature.

Where is the public? Except for the members of the Legislature themselves, and the State's Chief Executive, within the limits of their jurisdiction, the public is not present.

A few days ago, while home over the week end, an old friend of mine, prominent in business in Birmingham, called on me. He was quite critical of the telephone strike. . . . "What has Governor Gurnea done to bring this to an end?" he demanded to know.

This friend went on, criticizing the Government for its failure to restore State telephone service. . . . "Then I sat back in my chair and I said to myself: 'Listen, Old Friend, you are supposed to be an intelligent citizen. . . . You know that now you don't sound like one to me.'"

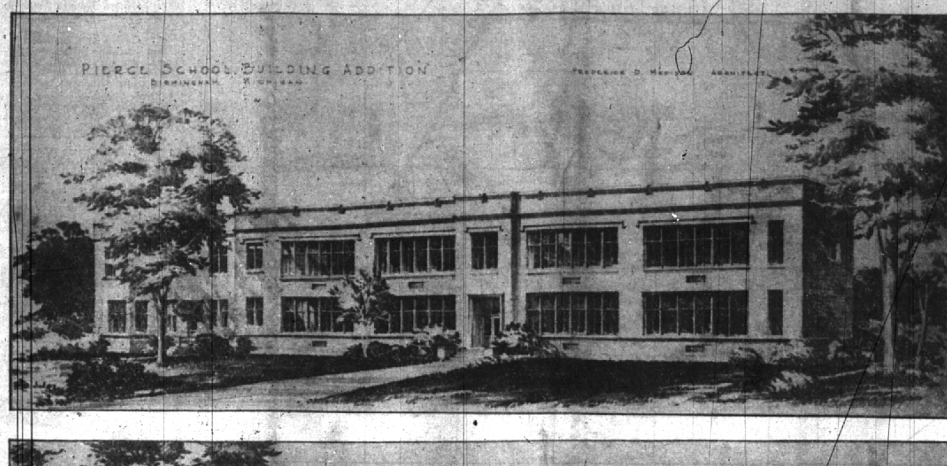
The telephone workers have, undoubtedly, had the right to strike; that strike will last until federal conciliators and State Mediation Board members, bring the matter to keep the workers and the Telephone Co. officials in negotiation proceedings. . . .

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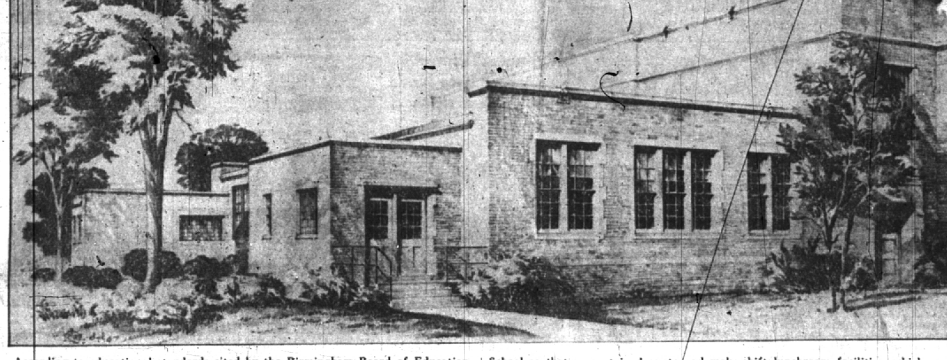
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While he could remember recent events of national and state importance, his memory of family recollections escaped his memory. His picture and other known facts concerning him were published in several Detroit papers and were seen by members of his family who came into his identity.

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### Select Delegates Who Will Attend Wolverine State

Eight boys chosen by local civic associations to develop the responsibility of leadership, to prove the advantages of citizenship, and to promote the art of clean sportsmanship of every boy in attendance so that he will be an example of American way of government to his community.

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## City Will Require \$530,000 Budget for Coming Year

A tentative city budget for 1947-48, reflecting a 14.49 per cent increase over last year's figure and resulting primarily from salary increases to city employees and higher costs for supplies and equipment, was presented to city commissioners Monday evening by City Manager Donald C. Egbert.

The tentative budget calls for an expenditure of \$530,004.53. Last year's budget amounted to \$462,529.73, or \$67,474.80 less than called for next year.

A public hearing on the budget has been set for Monday evening, May 12, since the commission must meet the budget at its May 19 meeting. The city charter requires the adoption of the next year's budget by May 24 of the preceding year.

### Two-Thirds by Taxpayers

Approximately two-thirds of the anticipated budget increase will be borne by taxpayers through the general tax levy, Egbert indicated. The remainder of the increase will be obtained through expected additional revenue.

### Costumes of 25 Years Ago Leave Hiding

Birmingham attics have been searched for garments of twenty-five years to two-hundred years of the past for the Community House's 25th anniversary "Founders Frolic" on Saturday night and enough quaint raiment has been found to assure authenticity in scenes recreating a quarter century in Birmingham's past.

### Leading Citizens Will Wear Them at 'Founders Frolic'

Five of the founders of the first Community House on Bates street will wear the once fashionable 25-year-old clothes in the opening scene of the Founders Frolic Review.

They are Mrs. George T. Hendrix, Mrs. Whit Rayman, Mrs. Charles Shain, Mrs. Graham John Graham and Mrs. Irvan Marlotte. They will be introduced by Paul Averill.

### More Old Style Costuming Will Appear

Heavy Band Payments will be necessary to accomplish this maintenance during the coming year. The cost of the sewer, sewer deterioration and pavement, sewer difficulties and increased costs in the forwarding of mail development," stated Egbert.

### 17 Students Are Initiated Into Honor Society

Honored at the annual National Honor Society induction assembly yesterday morning at the Central High School were 17 juniors and seniors who have made a high record in scholarship and service.

### Shift 242 Voters To Precinct No. 5

That part of voting precinct No. 6 east of Woodward was lopped off the "mother" precinct Monday evening by the city commission. The voters were moved to more adequately distribute the city's voting populace.

### Seek To Improve Chesterfield St.

Improvement of Chesterfield street, from Maple north to Oak street, is the next major street project to be considered by the city commission, it was announced Monday evening.

### Good Trip, Anyway

Two small girls, about three years old, last Saturday afternoon were reported trotting down a sidewalk on Woodward avenue. The girls were picked up by Birmingham police. Claimed not long after by Mrs. Alvin E. Lutz, 907 Greenwood, the two children were returned home, reportedly fresh and happy after their interrupted pilgrimage.

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