

If I could live my life over again, one of the few changes I would wish would be to have my youth unclouded with more definite habit of conforming to a schedule. I would try to budget my time.

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W. Maple Avenue Just Before It Was Reopened To Traffic Last Thursday

THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Big or Little, Problems Follow Basic Pattern for Solution

In the guiding of the destiny of a State or a nation, there is nothing fundamentally different from the guiding of an individual life. In the procedure of maintaining and running a family, or of big or little business, when more people get to understand this, there will be less mystery about the operation of government, and more compatibility between those who are public servants and the people so served.

In each of the above cases, there are problems to be met; men and women get together with suggested solutions; discussions are held, decisions arrived at and applied—what then happens, of course, depends upon the quality of the abilities and judgments of those who participated on the problem.

Have Different Ideas

Take the recent case of Gov. Sigler's meeting with labor and management in the Michigan Telephone case of last week, when Sigler got both sides together in Detroit. For more than six months union representatives and management officials have been negotiating a new contract. As in the case of most such proceedings, each side had different ideas of wages and working conditions to be incorporated. In the final contract, both State and federal labor mediators were in on the meetings, keeping both negotiating parties together as long as possible.

Last week, when it appeared that a wholesale walk-out of union employees was about to take place in every Michigan telephone exchange, Gov. Sigler got all parties together. After an hour and a half of discussion in Detroit, he agreed that negotiations would resume until Tuesday of this week. If no agreement were reached, the Governor would appoint a fact-finding committee of three or four men who would make their report to the Governor within 30 days.

No Work Stoppages

At the same time, the union leaders agreed that no work stoppages would occur. So, for that matter, Michigan telephone subscribers will not suffer the ordeal of a telephone strike; if negotiations fail, it will be eliminated for another year.

Gov. Sigler, standing at the point where Governor Sigler called the meeting, nothing mysterious occurred in governmental handling of the problem.

For, you see, State law created the Labor Mediation Board with power to mediate all labor problems between the State and the employer. When the threat of a strike in Michigan occurs, Philip Weiss, chairman of the Board, contacts the Governor's office in Lansing. As Sigler's executive secretary, I generally get into the picture. I keep the posted on the imminence of strikes, discuss how he plans to handle various phases of a problem, requests an okay on procedures where the situation demands other than routine treatment.

Keep Governor Posted

So, for a number of weeks prior to the meeting, I was kept informed of the situation. It became evident that the Governor might call a press conference. I posted him on such a meeting. From the time I obtained the names of representatives of both labor and management who were to be at the meeting, and even had the telegram written and advanced in case we had to move quickly from Lansing to Detroit.

So, you see, there was nothing mysterious or complex about the entire problem except, perhaps, the timing.

In the case of strikes where violence may be expected, or where it has taken place, the Governor's office is kept in constant touch with the problem, and so are the State Police, through our office.

Recipe for Action

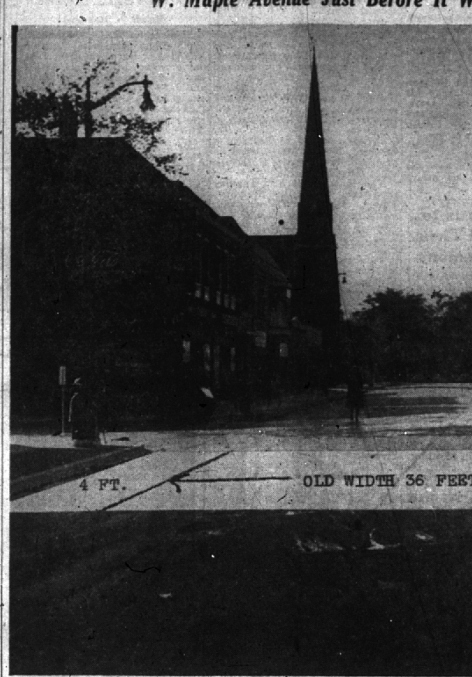
Incidentally, the State Police never participate in maintaining law and order in strikes. It is the executive order from the Governor's office.

Now, indeed, the decisions of public officials in high places are not so mysteriously arrived at as they might seem to often think. Whether it be a telephone strike or a Presidential plan carried out on an international problem, the procedures and human acts are exactly of the same pattern.

Except that the act of a Governor or a President impact upon more people, who they do represent, nothing more, and they do.

Henry Wallace Guest In McInlay Home Here

Henry A. Wallace, Progressive party presidential candidate, spent the weekend with his wife, Mrs. Agnes D. McInlay, 116 Winton, Wallace, while in this vicinity, spoke in Detroit and Flint, and Monday to Tuesday he will campaign swing through the eastern states.



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4 Touchdowns in Second Half Give Maples a 27-6 Victory

By Duke Layland

After spotting Hazel Park a touchdown in the first five minutes of play, Birmingham came back with four touchdowns in the second half to down the Packers 27-6 last Friday night on the Vikings field as Maple seatback Dick Murray picked up 239 yards rushing and scored two touchdowns.

Plans Completed For Annual City Halloween Party

Final committee meeting for the annual city Halloween party was held Tuesday. Committee reports were given by the various chairmen. The food committee reported that they had secured the food for the party. The entertainment committee reported that they had secured the entertainment for the party.

Justice Hulet Fines Highland Park Men

Two Highland Park men, Alex T. Lovelace and Dave Sinyard, paid a fine of \$50 each for driving a car without a license. The judge found them guilty of the offense.

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Russell Barnes Reviews Work of United Nations

By Duke Layland

"The United Nations organization has been going long enough now that we are entitled to ask a few questions about what it has actually done. This was the opening remark of a talk given by Russell Barnes, UN correspondent of The Detroit News and acknowledged authority on UN, before a full audience Monday at the afternoon session of the monthly League of Women Voters meeting at the Community House.

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