

Named 'Volunteer Of the Month'

Mrs. A. Phillip Streeter, 5425 Brookside street, Bloomfield township, was selected this week as Volunteer of the Month by the Central Volunteer Bureau, serving the Birmingham - Waterford - Pontiac area, it was announced by Mrs. Ed-

mund L. Windler, bureau public relations director. A physical education instructor and amateur artist, Mrs. Streeter devotes one full day each week to the recreational therapy department of Pontiac State hospital.

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This & That

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her husband while he was extolling the value and virtues of the Republican Party and the Eisenhower administration.

It isn't easy to go through a campaign and bring forth something worth-shaking in newsworthiness every time a candidate opens his mouth.

IF ONE makes only three or four speeches a week, the context can be made more newsworthy, to be sure. But a "whistle-stop" schedule, with a half dozen or more meetings per day, is a tough task.

I know something about this from personal activities in Michigan politics when, back in 1946, I served as chief aide to the late Kim Sigler, who won the Michigan governorship in that election.

I met three old newspaper friends on the train Monday, Hub George of The Detroit Free Press, Will Muller of The Detroit News, and Frank Morris of The Detroit Times. They each have followed candidates of both parties when they have been in Michigan, and all agreed with me that I've no doubt will carry this State Nov. 6.

ABOUT THE race between Al Cobo and Gov. Williams? Well, they asserted it is impossible to tell right now, although I gathered between the lines that they won't be surprised if "Soapy" makes it a fifth time.

(But the political situation can always change, even overnight. The saying of a foolish sentence can lose a lot of votes, just as the uttering of a popular wisecrack or slogan can win votes.)

There were 13 railroad Pullmans, including a diner, that made up the Nixon train. It was paid for by the National Republican Committee, of course, but many reported that members from all sections of the United States and some from foreign cities, are regularly traveling with Nixon.

THIS CORP's always is supplemented by reporters and photographers from the larger cities in the state being campaigned in for the time being.

At every "whistle-stop" the familiar name "Western Union" is evident, where reporters can file their stories. The scribes also sleep aboard the train, though the candidate and wife often remain overnight in a hotel or at the home of a friend.

VP Nixon is an "easy" speaker, seldom referring to notes on the "whistle-stops." He does, however, clasp his hands together often, with fingers interlaced. Like professional singers often do to relax inner nervousness.

NIXON, Monday, sounded as you would expect one, to whose voice is strained by a hard campaign schedule. It wasn't raspy, but his tone suggested that a brief rest would do it good.

All along the route between La- peer and Pontiac you would see small or large groups standing along the railroad right-of-way, hoping for a glimpse of the candidate. I failed to find out if the VP stayed on the rear platform now and then to wave to such groups... perhaps he did not.

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overlook this feature of campaigning completely.

Like Herbert Hoover, when he was campaigning for reelection in 1932, I travelled aboard his train one time when he went from Washington, D.C., to Cleveland.

EXCEPT FOR scheduled stops and speeches, the President never did appear on the rear platform to wave to folks... one small, though important, reason why he didn't get more votes in that election.

(Not enough would have been added, I'll admit, to have made any appreciable difference in the outcome of the 1932 campaign.) So went last Monday for this scribe, as he spent the afternoon on the Nixon Special... oh, yes, I must not forget to tell you that various Republicans, both on the state and local levels, were aboard Nixon's train. That's all part of "putting in" by all political parties.

The "Big Candidate," too, always refers to local candidates where such mention will do them the most vote-getting good. See you at the local polls November 6!

Gets GOP Post

The executive board of the 18th congressional district Young Republican club announced last week the selection of Jasper R. Reid, Jr., 412 North Glengarry, Bloomfield township, as a member of the board of control of the Michigan Young Republican federation.

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cal education, will start at Chester and Merrill, go east to Brown, east on Brown to Woodward, north on Woodward to Maple and west on Maple to Chester.

This is believed to be the first time a parade has been included as part of Education Week and is expected to be an annual affair. The parade will include color guards, board of education members, PTA, nurses, teachers, service clubs, bands, football teams, cooks, maintenance employees, ambulance, buses and others.

ON MONDAY the typical Birmingham teacher of 1956 will be announced. This was not a competition but the selection was made on a representative basis. The teacher will symbolize all school system teachers.

Seek Water from Clawson, B'ham

TROY—Extensions of water agreements with Clawson on a standby basis will be requested by Troy, city commission decided Monday night. Arrangements will also be made to receive water from Birmingham's Walker well as soon as Troy can lay water mains to the well. City Clerk J. Lawson Lockhart said.

Alley Vacated

TROY—An alley, just north of Brinson and west of John R was closed by city commission Monday night. An 18-foot easement for public utilities was retained.

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