



## Strike—And All Is Quiet

Everything was at a standstill on the Grand Trunk Western railroad last week as the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen went on strike. Both freight and passenger service were halted. Some 300 commuters who catch trains at the Birmingham depot

were affected by the strike. Railroad and union officials held daily negotiating sessions in the past week in an effort to end the strike. A Birmingham Eccentric photographer caught this picture of the emptiness and quietness near the local station.

## School

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ber of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Psi.

She has taught science, biology and chemistry in other girls schools and has traveled throughout the U. S., Mexico and Europe.

"Teenagers are not different today," the new headmistress stated. "Times are different, but they have the same ambitions and desires and want the same things as teen-agers have always wanted."

"THEY WANT to do everything today, or it won't get done. They are good and fine."

She emphasized three sides to teaching: academic, social and spiritual.

Teen-agers are "looking for something to cling to," she said. They have a need for a "sense of stability and confidence in themselves and power outside themselves."

Youngsters today can take a broader and richer curriculum in prep school, she said, and thus obtain more culture.

She has been active in community affairs, the League of Women Voters, the A. L. W. and other civic organizations.

## Repertory Group In Southfield Slates Auditions

SOUTHFIELD—Auditions will be held Monday at 8 p. m. by the Milan Children's theatre, of Southfield, the state's only professional touring repertory company.

The open readings will be at the rehearsal and workshop building, 12840 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit.

Adult actors and actresses are invited to attend.

According to Bruce E. Milan, the theatre company is made up of adult professional actors performing plays for children.

A MEMBER of the American Educational theatre association, the non-profit theatre corporation performs under the auspices of Parent-Teacher, professional, civic and church groups.

Information about the auditions or bookings can be obtained from Milan Theatre company, 34615 W. Ten Mile, Southfield.

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## This & That

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East Africa. It is reputed to be the oldest remnant of physical man ever discovered. Wonder how far removed from certain Congo leaders that skull is?

A University of Michigan research professor now comes forth with the lamentable (?) statement that being a good maker of speeches is no great asset to a politician. He declares that more than half of the members of each major party generally vote for their own candidate at presidential election time; also that two-thirds of the voters had their minds made up before a campaign got started. (Okay, professor, okay—but do you expect the politicians to believe you?)

Whoever does become Michigan's next Lieut. Gov. certainly is going to carry a lot of weight in political circles. The reason is quite obvious, and quite beyond any mental talents possessed by either. Democratic candidate T. John Lesinski tips the scales at 280 pounds—and Clarence Reid, Republican, weighs in at 277 pounds. It is to be hoped that the heads of both are equally balanced with intelligence where, after all, exists the "seat of learning."

You hear much these days about the desirability of getting business men into public office. Well, just getting them into office, unless they possess political and economic "know-how," won't improve to any needed extent the environment and operation of government.

## Mayors

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settlement, though," the spokesman declared.

OTHER communities invited to the mayoral session besides Birmingham and Battle Creek were Detroit, Highland Park, Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, Bloomfield Hills (represented by Mayor Henry Woodfield), Pontiac, Durand, Port Huron, Flint, Lansing and Kalamazoo.

The seven demands still in dispute involve local working rules for switch tenders, yardmen, brakemen and baggage men. Over-time pay and pay for extra duties are also included.

"The railroad already has offered to settle 21 of the 28 demands originally made by the union, but the remaining points would be economically unsound if we were to grant them," said Francis A. Gaffney, GTWR vice president and general manager.

## Local 4-H Club Chooses Officers

Members of the Suburbanites 4-H club of Birmingham elected officers at their first fall meeting Tuesday at the home of Carol Brodie on Harrow circle.

Officers are: Sarah Snyder, president; Beverly Adams, vice president; Linda Doffer, secretary; and Elaine Bishop treasurer.

Jean Horton was named to the calling committee and Mary Lou Snyder to the publicity committee. The club's next meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 4.

## Thieves Take \$60 From Drug Store

Birmingham Drug Store, 1220 S. Woodward, was broken into Sunday night and an estimated \$60 in cash was taken from the register.

Burglars who entered the building through the roof, according to Birmingham police, carefully avoided setting off the alarm. The theft was reported by William Krasnick, son of the owner of the drug store.

## Hearing

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Renfrew stated that he regretted not being able to attend the commission meeting where the decision was made to abandon the portion of the proposed project from Adams to the viaduct (Blon road) and said he felt the matter should be reviewed again.

"I think," said Renfrew, "that the widening of E. Maple is essential to the development of the city."

He suggested that a necessity hearing be set.

He gained support from Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham, who said: "I feel that it is essential that we as a city provide the roadway where traffic exists. It is up to us to provide for that traffic, to provide the streets to take care of it."

INGRAHAM OPINED that the city would eventually encounter more trouble than widening of the pavement would mean to residents on the north side of the street unless provision was made to handle traffic through the city.

He added that there would be "no sense unless we widen the whole thing" (from Adams to Coolidge).

Renfrew moved to set the hearing date in three weeks. Ingraham said the special assessment would include businesses as well as residences, and Gare explained that the city of Troy would also be affected and said he has not yet heard from Troy officials on the widening proposal.

OPPOSITION CAME from Commissioner William H. Burghum, who said he couldn't believe this is the time to widen the street with other projects still pending.

Citing a bottleneck at the viaduct, Commissioner Harry M. Dunne, Jr., agreed with Burghum.

Some consideration should be given, he said, to elimination of this bottleneck. It wouldn't relieve the traffic situation any to widen the street and yet have traffic become congested because of the viaduct, he asserted.

Comparison was made between the proposed Maple widening and the recent Lincoln widening and paving.

MAYOR PRO TEM William E. Roberts felt there was a difference between the two, however. He claimed that it has not definitely been established that traffic congestion does exist on E. Maple.

"If not, we do not have to make an improvement as we did on Lincoln, and I would not be in favor of it at this time."

When Ingraham asked the commissioners if they would be willing to have a hearing of necessity so that all arguments could be heard and after which commissioners could then make an intelligent decision, Roberts said he would not be willing to sit through it if he thought it were a dead issue.

DAVID SUTTER, 1902 E. Maple read a statement voicing home owners' views. He cited deterioration of curbs and listed these objections to widening:

1. There would be a decrease in property valuations due to an increase in traffic.

2. There would be two bottlenecks—at the viaduct and where the street becomes two lanes.

3. Trees, a valuable asset to the city, would have to be removed.

4. Even two feet of widening would cost the city money that is not now provided for in the budget. (Birmingham, Troy and Oakland county would share in the costs.)

However, Sutter also made this comment:

"If some solid reason is shown for widening this road, we would be less adverse to it."

ON RENFREW'S motion to set the hearing, Ingraham, Renfrew and Burghum voted yes; and Roberts and Dunne, no.

Renfrew then asked the city manager to see that a traffic count is made on both Maple and Lincoln as through east-west streets and to study and render an opinion on the effect of the viaduct on traffic.

Renfrew said he would not be in favor of the project if the widening of Maple would not be an actual improvement because of the viaduct.

Burghum suggested that the city manager also obtain an expression from Troy on its intention in the matter.

Residents left the meeting Monday night feeling that their question on curbs was not answered, and commissioners left expecting them (and wanting them) to express their opinions at the Sept. 26 hearing.

## Hills Man to Speak At UF Meeting

The annual training meeting of the United Foundation speakers bureau is being held today in the Founders' room of the Sheraton Cadillac.

Men and women who plan to make public appearances in behalf of the Torch drive, to be held Oct. 18 through Nov. 10, will be given hints on how to present the needs of the 195 participating agencies.

Mrs. Alfred R. Glancy, Jr., chairman of volunteer activities at Michigan Cancer Foundation, will tell 200 volunteers of the work of this agency.

The morning session will be followed by a luncheon, at which Charles F. Moore of Bloomfield Hills co-chairman of U. S. general promotion and vice president of Ford Motor company, will speak.

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