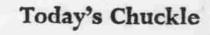
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In a congressman's campaign headquarters: "Beware of candidates who promise pie-in-thesky. They plan to use your dough."

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Sunday, October 20, 1968

## **Residents** Angered

# Freeway to Tear Up 300 Houses

#### Free Press Staff Writer

Oakland County residents whose homes will be gobbled up by the I-696 freeway say that they don't object to the road-somewhere else.

"We know the freeway has to go somewhere, but why don't they put it in Timbuktu?" complained Mrs. Thomas Rieden of 19049 W. Eleven Mile, Southfield. "We're just sick about the whole thing."

Mrs. Rieden bought her new ago after she was assured that the proposed freeway would run along 101/2 Mile.

The assurance came from the State Highway Department, which was recommending 101/2 Mile.

Last week, acting on a study by a three-man arbitration panel, Gov. Romney announced a final freeway route which will destroy approximately 300 homes, including Mrs. Rieden's.

Romney's announcement, which came after five years of heated debate over the 6.5mile stretch through seven Oakland communities, touched off cries of anger, disbelief and frustration from people who live along the route.

"It's terrible," said Hayman, a thin middle-aged man with white hair and definite opinions.

"My wife died last year and brick ranch home three years I just don't want to give up our house," he explained. "I just may pick it up and move it somewhere."

Hayman, who lives at 13697 Wales, Oak Park, said he had no idea .the freeway would cut into his quiet residential street.

"As far as I'm concerned, I hope it's tied up in court for the next 30 years," he added.

Mrs. Robert Overall 8 Maplefield, Pleasant Ridge, disagreed. "It's the stalemate that's getting to us all," she said.

'After seven years of waiting, all we want to know is "When?" Mrs. Overall, who has three boys and a girl, said that her family has outgrown its state-

ly white three-bedroom house. But when she decided to put the house up for sale last year, she found that no one would take a mortgage on a house that would be torn down.

"It's our house and our money, but we're not free to do what we wish with it," she said.

The waiting may not be over for Mrs. Overall and others in the freeway's path. Three pending court suits could tie controversial route up the

again. No one knows how long the court fights will take.

Until the state actually begins buying the right-of-way, residents along the route have no choice but to remain where they are.

Mrs. Luke McCarthy of 6 Maplefield, Pleasant Ridge, also feels the strain of the long delay in determining the route.

"It's too had when the highway department can keep so many people dangling for so many years," said Mrs. Mc-Carthy, who has lived in her gray two-story house for 27 years. "We've held off on all our house repairs. If this thing doesn't go through and we have to redo the house, it'll cost us a pretty penny now." "I kinda hate to think of

leaving here," she sighed. "I raised a family of four here and it's home. I don't know where we'd go.' Like the McCarthys, David

Mertz and his wife, 13680 Wales, Oak Park, are an older

couple who will be uproote by the freeway.

"We don't know from nothing," shrugged Mertz. "One says this side. One says the other. We're no youngsters and where are we going to buy another house like this any-

way?" Mertz said he bought his two-story home new 10 years ago and knew nothing about the possibility of the freeway coming through. His daughter, who lives

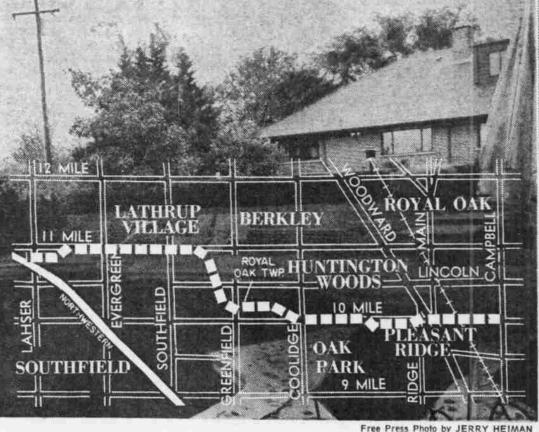
down the street with her husband and three children, will also be forced to move.

In Lathrup Village, one of the bitterest opponents of the route, homeowners are banking on two lawsuits-one filed by a homeowners association and one by the city itself-to change the route.

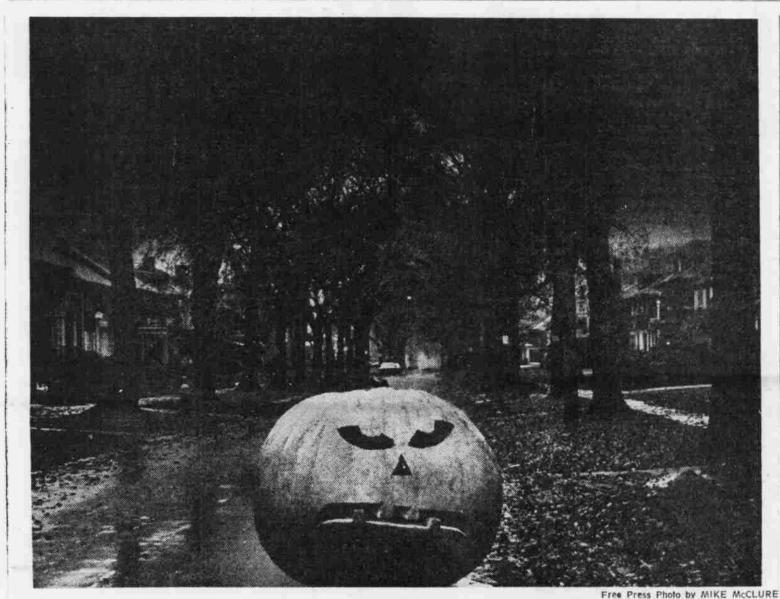
house in June, 1967," moaned

"We just custom-built this

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I-696 will run through this ranch house



## Noisy Factories Face Crackdown BY PATRICK J. OWENS · Safety equipment and marks from the United Auto feel our present hearing con-

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BY GARY BLONSTON

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Free Press Labor Writer istic."

Factories will become quieter than many offices if pending federal anti-noise regulations become law without major changes.

Tens of thousands of work ers in other factories where machines cannot be muffled will find themselves wearing earmuffs to comply with the

 More guards to keep arms, legs and other parts of the The earmuffs and the sound body out of such machines as

servation program is unreal- clothing for specified jobs.

 Better emergency medical services. HERE'S WHAT Wirtz is

The sound limitations could prove the most costly and are The first-time-ever noise so far the most controversial. Concern is reported great-· Limits on the amount of est at Ford Motor Co., which atomic radiation a worker can

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won't fight it at all," said Lloyd Utter, UAW's top safety expert. "They have done a lot union and government specto deal with this problem," cialists contend has done the least to deal with noise prob-

Dr. Floyd Van Atta, deputy director of the Office of Ocunational Safety of the Labor question is whether Department's Eureau of La-General Motors Corp. and bor Standards, concurs in this Chrysler Corp. will join Ford assessment and says that Chrysler ranks "somewhere in between."

Workers on many other fronts.

does win praise for its battle

'We hope General Motors

against noise.

Halloween goblins will stay behind locked doors on Atkinson Ave.

## Halloween on Atkinson St.; **A Different Kind of Goblin**

Halloween along Atkinson isn't what it use to be. You know, the little kids doing the goblin bit on the night of trick or treat.

When the sun sets this year on Halloween, the trick or treat will turn into a watchful night along a three-block section of Atkinson just west of Twelfth.

"I use to save my pennies for the kids," said an Atkinson Ave, matron. "I'd drop handfuls into their treat bags. I never counted.

"But then these big kids started coming. They come from all over, I don't know where. Car loads of them. They drive along and make the little kids empty their

bags. "I don't bother saving my pennies any more. I'm afraid."

SO NOW THE children living between Twelfth and Linwood will do their ghost act in daylight at a Holloween block party sponsored by the Atkinson Avenue Improve Association (AAIA).

It has been that way for several years now.

It is all part of the somber mood that has swept through these blocks, changing life in this pleasant, fashionable Negro neighborhood into something not unlike life on an Israeli kibbutz, the organization by which farmers in Israel protect themselves from violent neighbors.

Located in the heart of the 10th police precinct, without any geographical barriers to keep strangers out, with little day-to-day police patrol, the residents of the 160 homes in the three blocks have become afraid of their neighbors. Their fearful attitude is not

without reason. The 10th Precinct is the number one pocket of crime

in the city. · Three armed robberles a day were committed in this area last July while there were two muggings a day during the same period.

 In one year, between 1967 and 1968, the crime rate rose 9.9 percent.

"I may be bourgeois. But I don't want to live beside somebody who can't carry the freight."

 The heart of the July, 1967, incursions against their famriot was but a step away from Atkinson's two-story, brick homes and well-kept lawns. Precinct cops, spread too thin, know it is a "tough

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neighborhood." In the middle of this pocket sits Atkinson, a thin strip of middle class values, middle class wealth, and middle class dreams.

\$20,000 homes can throw up riot barriers at a moment's notice to block access to their three blocks. Armed, they cover each

ilies, home and property, the

Atkinson Improvement Asso-

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**National Summary** 

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Ohio Valley and central Gulf to the Rockies and south and

central Pacific Coast were fair and dry with pleasant season-

SUNNY AND PLEASANT WEATHER is in prospect for

most of the nation. Rain is likely over New England and rain

will end on the central Atlantic Coast, Scattered showers are

expected from the north Pacific Coast to the northern Rockies.

A cold front will be lying a little off the Atlantic Coast from

drifting through the territory. They watch each other's property for invasion when they know a neighbor's home is vacant.

They meet monthly to discuss how better to protect themselves against violence and the threat of it.

Residents along the strip tell you that each day brings its own dread. If violent assault on themselves or their property has not happened, they know a neighbor to whom it has. They do not want to be quoted for fear they will be singled out for retaliation.

BUT EACH DAY brings something new.

bads are among pro eral restrictions to speed up the war on noise that already has saved many a worker's eardrum.

law.

Industry on its own has moved in recent years to take the din out of many industrial operations.

Now W. Willard Wirtz, the secretary of labor, proposes to extend the blessings of relative quiet to millions of workers whether their bosses approve or not.

INDUSTRY, including a segment of the auto industry doesn't like the idea and is reported preparing to oppose it in hearings at Washington starting Nov. 6. Organized labor and gov-

ernment experts are enthusiastic. The idea is to hold indus-

trial noise to 85 decibels on what hearing experts call an A scale. This is the noise level at which normal conversation can still be heard by two people standing two feet apart.

Many offices exceed 85 decibels, notes Dave Padden, UAW's industrial hygienist. Dr. M. T. Summar of Vir-

ginia, Minn., one of the nation's top industrial noise authorities, passes no judgment on how practical an 85 decibel level is but he says: "Hearing is in jeopardy at

85 and above. That seems to have been pretty authoritatively established.' But F. J. (Bud) Dery, Ford's industrial safety chief, says, "We think it's too low.

We're not sure it's an attain-Turn to Page 9A, Column 1 | able, practical level. We don't

On his desk, nonetheless, is a red telephone, a direct line to state and local law enforcement agencies. However affected the red Blonston telephone might seem, Flint still is not at peace in its secondary schools. Neither is any Around the state, the talk in other city in the state where the offices of superintendents black and white teen-agers go to clas together. Grand Rapids and principals is hopeful. The and Kalamazoo both have had concern seems sincere. But to deal with serious outbreaks the police are always at hand in the last month. and it will be that way for a . . . while.

ADMINISTRATORS like For black students and the Early are trying to cope with black communities of Michthe race problem in schools, igan are issing powerful chalbut as Flint Northwestern lenges to educational precepts High principal Robert Rodda that have been the sturdy says: "We're tracking underpinnings of high school through untrodden snow. We administrators and teachers don't know where we are going." for decades.

#### Lake Conditions

LAKE ST. CLAIR: Partly cloudy Sun-lay southwest to west winds 12-20 knots. LAKE HURON: Southwest to west inds 17-25 knots; partly cloudy. LAKE MICHIGAN: Fair with west to puthwest winds 15-25 knots.

LAKE ONTARIO: Partly cloudy with

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TEMPERATURES

Nov. 13

eratures: 24 hours ending 7 p.m. Saturday; others 4 p.m U.S. and Michigan Temp H L Pre. Wnnpg 44 36 .01 Vncuver 46 43 .65 H L Pre. EAST MICHIGAN H L Pre, Casper 61 34 .06 H L Pre 67 26 .00 ALASKA Anch'ge 31 15 00 Fairb'ks 17 12 .01 Juneau 43 38 .13 Denver Bay City 62 42 .00 DETR'T 67 40 .00 Albany 71 58 50 Denver 67 26 .00 Buffalo 61 54 .64 El Paso 82 39 .00 N York 72 68 .62 Ft Worth 81 46 .00 Phila 71 67 1.76 Helena 58 26 .00 Port Me 68 53 .03 Houston 80 58 .00 Wash'ton 75 65 .56 L Vegas 80 52 .00 Escanba 51 45 .03 THE WORLD At 1 p.m. Saturday 61 38 .00 Flint Houston L Vegas L Ang'l's Okla City Omaha Phoenix Houghtn 45 Jackson 65 Lansing 62 38 40 35 42 7 .11 .00 .00 Jackson Lansing Marq'te Athens Berlin Bogota Dublin SOUTH SOUTH H L Pre. Atlanta 73 57 -78 Bir/ham 71 49 .00 Charles'n 78 71 1.08 Jack'ville 86 76 .71 Louisville 86 76 .71 Louisville 87 41 .00 Memphis 72 42 .00 Miami 87 77 .11 N Orl'ns 75 48 .00 Raleigh 82 66 1.87 Richm'd 78 70 .53 Marq'te 51 Muskg'n 57 Omaha Phoenix Port Ore Rapid C S Lake C S Antonio S F'cisco Seattle Sookane Geneva Havana HongKong Lisbon 35 38 39 .08 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 MIDWEST London Madrid 00,50,00,00,00,00,00 Spokane Wichita Malta Mexico City Moscow CANADA onterrey H Calgary 55 Edmntn 48 Montreal 65 Ottawa 66 WE5T Paris H L Pre. 70 33 .00 54 22 .00 64 35 .00 85 65 .00 Rome Vienna Veracruz Alb'q'que Bismarck

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**Climatic Data** 

TEMPERATURES Friday: High 70.

Low 49, Mean 60, Normal 51; Depar

ture from normal since Jan. 1: +163.

ONE YEAR AGO Sunday: High 60.

RECORDS Sunday: High 80 (1920).

PRECIPITATION Friday: .25 In. Total this month: .96 In.; Normal this month: 2.57 In.; Total since Jan. 30.2 In.; Departure from normal since Jan 1: + 2.64 In.

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EXTREMES: Friday highs 90 al ila Bend and Tucson. Arizona and 9 at Phoenix. Arizona, Immerial and alm Storings. Cal. Saturday morning ws 14 at Alamosa, Colorado and 20 t Evanston. Wyoming.

Low 29, Mean 45.

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If America's race problems are to be solved, they will be solved by the flexible young. To discover how well the adjustment is being made, Free Press Staff Writer Gary Blonston visited Michigan's public schools. As on other fronts of the racial revolution, change is not being made easily.

> It was once true that a teacher was not to be questioned by a student. No longer.

> . . . IT WAS ONCE TRUE that high school students had little, if any influence on the nature of their curriculum. No longer.

It was once true that the administration ran student activities as it wished, hewever covertly. No longer.

In schools where black students comprise a substantial minority, they are demanding recognition as young people with backgrounds, experiences and opinions just as valid and vital as those of the white, middle-class teachers and principals who supervise them and the white student majority.

The Michigan Civil Rights Commission (MCRC) has categorized seven areas of grievance at the heart of the school disturbances it has investi-

gated. Black student protesters have told MCRC that:

· They are excluded from extracurricular activities, most notably cheerleading, but also athletic teams, school organizations and other afterclass pursuits.

· They are neglected or insulted in the curriculum, especially history and social studies, areas which have not yet been fully dealt with by Michigan school systems, despite substantial publicity about new texts and courses.

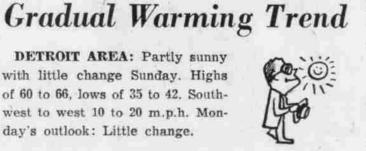
 They encounter verbal abuse-a prime catalyst for disturbances - from faculty, administration and fellow students.

 They are treated unequally when discipline questions arise, or the discipline policy of their schools is so unclear and arbitrary that they don't

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**Complete** weather Hurricane Gladys edged closer to the Carolina coasts Sat-She moved toward the Northeast about 20 miles an hour. This took the center to about 40 miles east of Charleston late All Information from U.S. Weather Bureau Saturday and to very near Cape Hatteras before daybreak Sunday. Rain, occasionally heavy, fell over most of the East coastal area from Florida to New York state and southwest Maine. Rain overspread the Pacific Northwest ahead of a cold front. A few showers occurred over the northern Great

> with little change Sunday. Highs of 60 to 66, lows of 35 to 42. Southwest to west 10 to 20 m.p.h. Monday's outlook: Little change.



### **Michigan Zone Forecasts**

SOUTHERN LOWER: Partly cloudy and cool Sunday. Highs of 60 to 66, lows of 35 to 42. Southwest to west winds 10 to 20 m.p.h. Monday's outlook: Little temperature change.

NORTHERN LOWER: Mostly cloudy and a little warmer Sunday. Highs of 54 to 58, lows 34 to 38. Southwest to west winds 10 to 20 m.p.h. Monday's outlook; Little change.

UPPER PENINSULA: Partly cloudy and a little warmer Sunday, Highs of 50 to 55, lows of 32 to 38. Westerly winds

Sunday. Highs of 50 to 55, lows of 32 to 38. Westerly winds 12 to 22 m.p.h. Monday's outlook: Little temperature change. ODDS ON RAIN: Detroit and the southern Lower Penin-sula will have a 10 percent chance of rain Sunday. The rest of the state will have a 20 percent chance of rain. Might be the state of the state will have a 20 percent chance of rain. Might be the state will have a 20 percent chance of rain. Sunday. The state will have a 20 percent chance of rain. Might be the state will have a 20 percent chance of rain.



## LAKE EIRE: Partly cloudy with iminishing winds west to southwest 10-Westerly winds 15-26 knots. LAKE SUPERIOR: Partly cloudy with westerly winds 17-26 knots.



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