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ORGANIZATION PURPOSES

To Form Common Meeting Ground Between Producers and Receiver of Products Is Plan

A matter of vital importance to everyone is the recognition of the evolution which is going on throughout the country in the change of our great national problem from one of production to that of distribution. We are coming to the realization that our real task is not that of producing a commodity, but rather that of markets and distribution.

The organization of the Mid-West Regional Advisory Board is considered as one of the most forward steps in recent years, in bringing together the carriers and shippers for their mutual benefit.

The Board is a voluntary organization of every branch of the public in the territory comprising Illinois, Iowa, Southern Wisconsin and Eastern Indiana. Each group or commodity is represented by a committee and there are as many committees as are necessary to make the board thoroughly representative. The objects of the board are:

1. To form a common meeting ground between shippers and receivers and the railroads and carriers as a whole as represented by the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association, for a better mutual understanding of local transportation requirements, to analyze transportation needs in its territory, and to assist in anticipating car requirements.
2. To promote car and operating efficiency in connection with maximum loading, and in the proper handling of cars by shippers and railroads.
3. To secure a proper understanding by the railroads of the transportation needs of shippers, and their co-operation in carrying out necessary rules governing car handling and distribution.
4. To study production, markets, distribution and trade channels of the commodities produced in its territory and to acquaint shippers and railroads in each section of the country with seasonal requirements in this section in order to promote intelligent co-operation in the handling of equipment between the different districts of the country.
5. To adjust informally, car difficulties which may arise in its territory between carriers and shippers and receivers.
6. To give the shipping public a direct voice in the activities of the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association, in all matters of mutual concern.

Officers
 The General Chairman is Robert C. Ross, General Traffic Manager of Joseph T. Ryerson & Sons, Chicago, and Mr. Robert Hula of the Chicago Association of Commerce is Secretary. J. L. Bowls of Milwaukee, is Vice-Chairman.

The principle of informal negotiation between the railroads and their users, of determining, first, the relative truths about their relationships, and of recognizing them as a basis for direct dealing, represents the principle upon which the Board is organized.

It is an organization on the part of the public to meet periodically with officials of the carriers in this territory for the purpose of determining future transportation needs in their district, to study production, markets and trade channels, and thru accumulative knowledge of these subjects to seek improvements in the distribution methods employed by agriculture and industry; to determine the measure and quality of transportation service necessary in their region; to adjudicate their disputes informally, and to take an active part in the promulgation of transportation regulations, and a direct voice in all of the activities of the Car Service of the American Railway Association.

The Regional Advisory Board functions for its territory on all matters which come within the purview of the Car Service Division. They do not deal with rates.

For Shippers' Service
 Shippers within the territory of the Board are urged to bring to its attention such matters as may properly come within the scope of its activities. This action and co-operation on the part of the public will assist the Board in functioning and will make it a great force for good in the promotion of industry, transportation, harmonious relations and good will. Any information desired regarding the Board and its activities will be promptly forwarded upon application to Mr. Robert Hula, General Secretary, Mid-West Regional Advisory Board, 43 South Dearborn St., Chicago.

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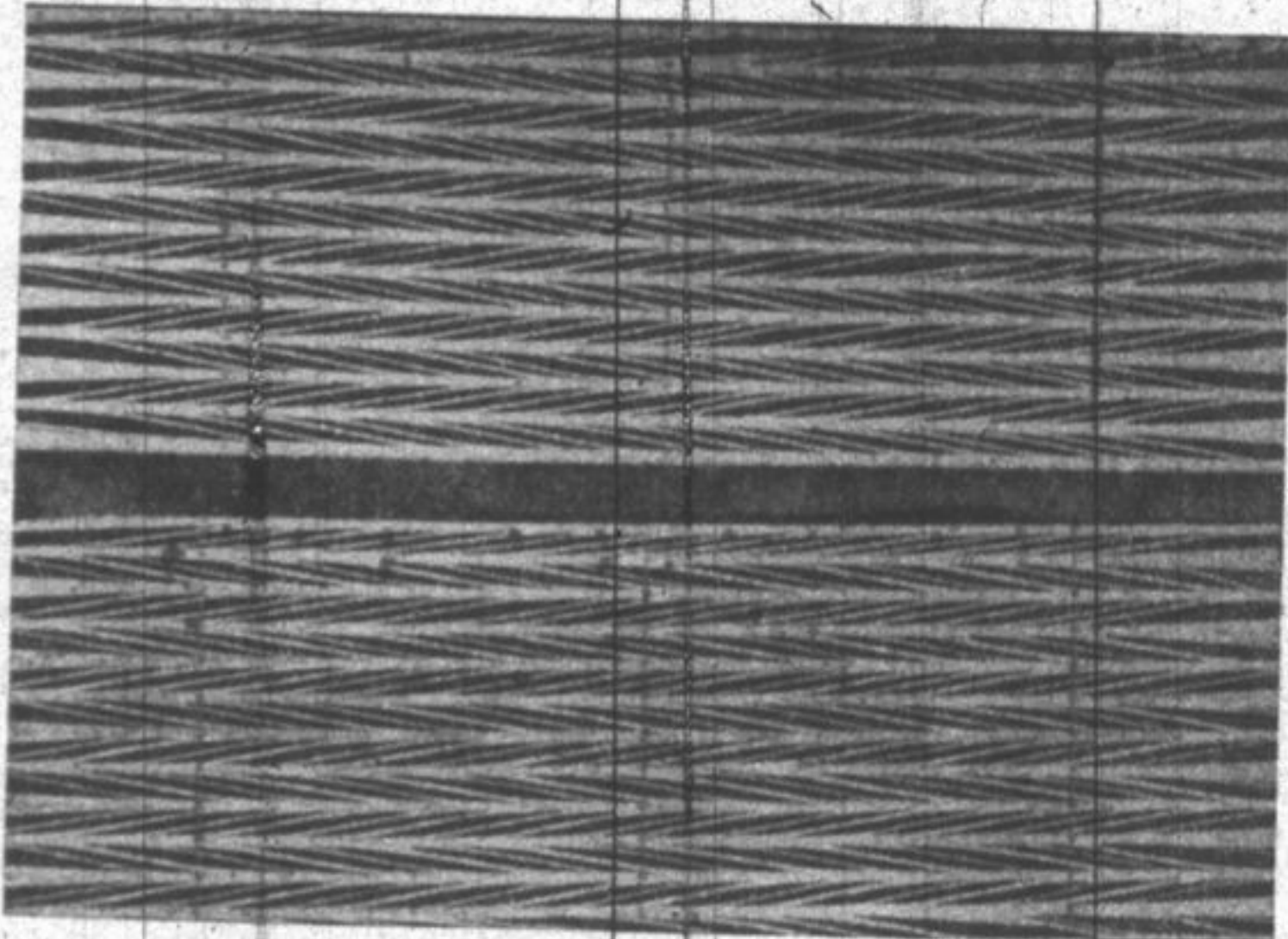
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