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City School Attendance Records Broken As Fall Term Opens; Total To Reach 1,700 Mark

Increase Of Over 100 Is Forecast By Official

Plymouth public school attendance records were shattered Tuesday when the 1938 fall term opened. Enrollment figures totaled 1,676 on the first day, a gain of 66 students over last year.

However, Superintendent of Schools George A. Smith said that when late enrollments were added into the records, the total would amount to about 1,750.

Plymouth school enrollments have soared upward progressively in recent years.

In 1936, the total attendance at the schools was 1,512. In 1937 the total was 1,610, and this year's attendance is expected to show an increase of well over 100 above last year's.

Figures for the individual schools, as reported on opening day, showed 298 pupils enrolled at the Starkweather school as compared to 316 last year; 511 at Central school as compared to 498 last year, and 367 students at the high school as compared to 786 who were enrolled last year.

School administration and classes ran smoothly on opening day. For the first time free text books were issued to grade school children under the provisions of the mandate given to the board of education by the electors in the last school district election.

High school students were classified in the forenoon Tuesday and regular classes were held in the afternoon.

The addition in the grade building was put into service on opening day to provide two class rooms for high school students and four new rooms for use of grade pupils.

High school students will make use of the facilities until the Wood property is made available for high school classes.

A feature of the opening of schools this year was the inauguration of a machine shop course to provide practical opportunities for Plymouth youth. The course receives a full enrollment opening day.

Classes in all departments were under full swing Wednesday. Extracurricular activities also got under way this week, with athletic squads and participants in social and other projects playing plans for a busy season.

Flower Show Plans Complete

The citizens of Plymouth and surrounding country are invited to attend the flower show, on the afternoon and evening of September 14, which the members of the Plymouth branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden association are holding in the Grange hall.

The following committees have been appointed on arrangements: Entry, Mrs. Harvey Whipple, Mrs. Clarence Elliott, Mrs. George A. Smith, Mrs. Harmon Smith, Mrs. John Goodman, Mrs. Bruce Woodbury, classification, Mrs. Ruth Huston Whipple, Mrs. S. Spicer, judges, Mrs. Malmberg, Murray O'Neil; publicity, Mrs. Frank Dunn and all members; hospitality, Mrs. Ward Henderson, Mrs. John T. Neale, Jr., Mrs. J. Merle Bennett, Mrs. Mark J. Chaffee, Mrs. Carl Cowgill, Mrs. George M. Chute, Mrs. Arthur White, candy booth, Mrs. O. F. Beyer, Mrs. Ward Jones, Mrs. John McIntyre, Mrs. Mat Swegles, Mrs. William Froymen, exhibits, Mrs. John Olsever, Mrs. John W. Bickelstein, Mrs. Carl Shear, Mrs. Paul J. Wiedman, Mrs. O. P. Stancner.

There will be individual table settings for breakfast, luncheon, tea and dinner, on exhibition. Everyone interested in flowers should plan to attend this, and first exhibit to be held by the association. All flowers must be in place by 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesday.

All members who are able to assist Wednesday morning are asked to be there not later than 10:00 o'clock.

Merrill Palmer Speaker At Hilltop Tuesday

A mothers' meeting will be held at Hilltop Nursery school next Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. Miss Esther Prevey, head of Parent Education department of Merrill Palmer school, Detroit, will speak. The ladies' quartet, consisting of Mesdames Moon, Cassidy, Olsever and Bako, will sing. Opportunity will be offered for informal discussion of child problems. All mothers of young children are cordially invited. Tea will be served. Hilltop is on Beck road between Territorial and Ann Arbor roads.

Home Coming At First M. E. Church

Sunday is going to be a sort of homecoming for members of the First Methodist church after the summer vacation period, announced Rev. Stanford Closson this week. All regular services will be resumed, the Epworth League starting at 8:30 for the usual services preceding the evening sermon. The church will also resume its nursery accommodations for small children during the morning services.

Tri-State Redmen Meeting Here September 24

Big Parade Planned During Convention

There will be a big tri-state meeting, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan, of the Improved Order of Redmen at Plymouth on Saturday, September 24.

There will be a flag raising and commemoration to the flag in Kellogg park at 11:00 a.m.

Immediately after lunch the parade, made up of bands, members from all fraternal organizations, who care to join in, and various floats, will form at the grade school on the north side and march to Kellogg park where prizes will be given for the best band, the best floats and the best float in the parade.

Mayor Hondorp will give the welcoming address in the park, followed by a speech by State Representative Elton R. Eaton of Plymouth. The feature address of the day will be given by a distinguished speaker from the Great Council of the United States of the Improved Order of Redmen. His name will be announced later.

A high class trapeze act will be put on immediately after the speeches for the amusement of the public.

A pageant or commemoration of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock will be enacted in the park in closing the afternoon program.

In the evening at 7:30, Montank Tribe No. 426 of South Bend, Indiana, will confer the adoption degree on quite a number of candidates at the tribal wigwam of Ottawa tribe No. 7, Plymouth, at 585 West Ann Arbor street.

The Pochontas ladies will serve meals in the basement of the hall for those who desire refreshments.

The public is cordially invited to be present for all of the outdoor exercises.

Sam and Son Drugs Expands Store

Greeting the public this week with a salesroom enlarged both in size and variety of merchandise, Sam and Son Cut Rate Drug store is celebrating with an expansion sale which is expected to attract wide interest.

The sale was announced by Joseph Lippon, manager of the store, who said that the expansion of the store would make it more inviting to its customers and better equipped to serve their needs.

In addition, he said, the stock had been gone over carefully and enlarged with careful attention to supplying the needs of residents in the Plymouth area. Further details may be found in an advertisement in this issue of The Mail.

Here's A Picture Of Plymouth That Takes You From A to Z

Plymouth's first citizen, alphabetically speaking, is Albert Ackman, of 617 Ann street.

And the last man in town—we're still speaking alphabetically—is Elmer Zuckerman, of 1630 Ball street.

Mr. Ackman's name leads all the rest in the 1938 Plymouth city directory. At the opposite end of the list of Plymouth residents, which in the last census totaled 4,484, is Mr. Zuckerman's name.

Mr. Zuckerman is general manager of the Plymouth Felt Products division of Allen Industries, Inc.

Residents On Sunset Ask Sanitary Sewer

The city commission received a petition Tuesday night from a large number of residents on Sunset street to install sanitary sewers on the street from Pennington to Junction. The commission, told that taxes were well paid up in the area, set a hearing on the matter for September 12.

Work was started this week on the sanitary sewer on Irving street between Blanche street and the railroad. Funds also have been granted, it was announced, so that the city can go ahead with construction of a storm sewer on Irving street for the same distance.

The work will provide Irving street with better drainage than it ever has had before, City Manager Clarence H. Elliott commented.

Awards Made In Condemnation Of Tonquish Land

Work On Project May Be Started In Six Weeks

Condemnation awards have been made by three commissioners appointed by the Probate Court on two parcels of land which the county drain commission has designated for use in connection with the Tonquish Creek drain project, the drain office announced this week.

Pending a possible appeal against the awards by the owners of the property, the drain office is going forward with plans to let bids for contract work on the project. It is possible that work will be started on the project within six weeks, if there are no court delays, it was stated.

The drain office reported that the awards were in the amounts of \$200 for a parcel of land owned jointly by John McLaren and William Pettigill and \$300 for a parcel owned by August Myers.

The awards were made by P. J. Snyder and Charles Pyley, of Wayne, and Charles Kurtzell, of Inkster, under commission of the Probate Court after hearings in the Mayflower hotel, Plymouth.

Plans for the project were laid out in public hearings until this week. The project will cost an estimated \$54,291.47, according to Herald Hamill, civil engineer. The creek drains an area of about two and a half square miles, as far west of Plymouth as the Detroit House of Correction.

The project long has been considered necessary for the purpose of enlarging and protecting the drainage capacity, conserving property and beautifying the tangent area and of elimination of odors from the water which courses through the town.

The plans call for covering the creek from Harvey street to the alley east of Main street and deepening, widening and straightening of the open ditch from Harvey street to Garfield. Similar work also is extended beyond the city limits to west of Sheldon road.

As a protective measure, the Garfield are to be reinforced with concrete and stone so that the creek will not be able to wash out of its banks as it has done on occasions.

The slopes of the open ditch will be sodded and the old ditch will be filled in and leveled off, Hamill said, where the course of the ditch is to be changed.

The county drain commissioner expects to obtain WPA assistance on all of the work except for construction of the covered part of the creek, which will be done under private contract to be awarded by bid.

CREW STARTS PAVING OF CHURCH STREET

Paving of Church street between Main and Harvey streets was started this week. It is expected that paving of the 40-foot parkway will be completed this fall and that some work also may be done on paving the approach from Church street to the Plymouth high school. The work has been progressing slowly, it was explained, because the construction crew has been divided between two projects.

Hearing Today On Injunction Of Volunteers

City Will Fight Permanent Restraining Order

City Attorney Arlo Emery will represent the city of Plymouth in a hearing today (Friday) before Circuit Judge James E. Cheno to show cause why a temporary injunction granted the Volunteers of America to restrain the city from interfering with its agents should not be made permanent.

The organization, which has headquarters in Detroit, charges that the city has denied its agents the right to solicit clothing in Plymouth. Edward W. Higgins, counsel for the Volunteers, told the court that the agency had supplied clothing last year and this for needy children in Plymouth.

Judge Cheno granted the temporary injunction Monday, August 29. The city contends that the agency must obtain permission for the soliciting from the city. A year ago, Chief of Police Vaughan Smith said, the organization's agents were halted in their work by police, who told the agents they needed permission for obtaining permission for the work.

When the organization requested such permission the city commission refused it on the grounds that the Salvation Army had done such a fine job in caring for the city's needy that the assistance of another agency was not necessary.

This spring agents of the Volunteers, city officials said, attempted to gather old clothing again without the permission of the city commission and again were halted by police.

Explosion Lifts Manhole Covers

A crowd of about 75 persons was drawn to Fralick avenue near Main street Tuesday forenoon when a sewer explosion blew two manhole covers into the air. The covers flew several feet into the air with a dull thud that was heard throughout the center of the city. No damage resulted.

Leroy Segnitz, told Patrolman Leo Sadek, who made an investigation, that he was draining a gasoline can which he had been washing out with water into the sewer when a passing motorist threw out a lighted cigarette butt which touched off the explosion. He said he did not know the motorist, who was not injured.

Some spectators said that the blast lifted the manhole cover nearest Main street as much as 40 feet from the ground but other estimates on the height reached by the heavy iron cover ranged several feet lower. The cover landed four feet from the sewer hole.

Pro-Amateur Match Sept. 25

William Rambo, manager of Plymouth Country Club, announced yesterday that invitations were already in the mail to anticipated entrants in the Plymouth Country Club Pro-Amateur golf tournament, Sunday, September 25, has been set as the day and already many outstanding professionals have signified their intention of entering.

Harry Fitzpatrick, head of the club championship honors last Sunday after being runner-up for two consecutive years. John Lock carried off second honors in one of the closest fought matches on record at the club.

Did You Know That

You can have your old shades cleaned, or purchase New Mobas shades, at the National Shade Company, 530 Park Street.

Clyde V. Fenner is a qualified candidate for Republican state senator. Present Wayne county juror commissioner, appointed on petition of all eighteen circuit judges.

There is no admission charge to the flower show which will be given in Grange hall next Friday afternoon and evening, September 14, by the Plymouth branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden association.

The Dancing Baileys of Northville are announcing this week the opening of their dancing school for another year. They will teach dancing of all kinds and styles. For many years the Baileys were among the best known dancers on the vaudeville stages of the country, and have appeared in many famous dancing halls where they were engaged to give exhibitions.

Hitch-Hiker Killed Mouch, Police Believe

Plymouth Murder Lacks Suspect After 10 Days

Lacking a suspect in the apparent holdup murder of Robert A. Mouch, 38 years old, Detroit salesman whose body was found in his parked car on Eckles road, two miles east of here, police turned to the theory this week that Mouch was the victim of a hitch-hiker. The slaying was discovered early Monday, August 29, and it was learned later that Mouch was on the way to visit a friend in Plymouth when he was killed.

Officers of the state police, sheriff's office and Plymouth police department pointed out that a large number of motorists who had befriended hitch-hikers recently had been the victims of the same kindness when the thumbs turned to robbery or violence.

One such case was reported near Plymouth last week when a New York waitress told police that a hitch-hiker whom she had picked up in Chicago had turned on her while they were approaching Detroit on Plymouth road. The man forced her out of the car after robbing her also of all the money she had.

Police scoffed at theories that Mouch had taken his own life, pointing out that no weapon was found in or near the death car and that the county medical examiner had found no evidence of powder burns, which would have been present if Mouch himself had fired the two bullets through his right cheek and back of his right ear.

In addition, his pockets were turned inside out and friends said that he had between \$15 and \$25 in his wallet.

Chief of Police Vaughan Smith urged motorists to take the tragedy as an example of the fruits of being a good Samaritan to those in need.

"Drivers have been warned time and again that it is exceedingly risky to pick up hitch-hikers, but it takes an occurrence of this nature to drive the point home that a motorist may be putting his life in the hands of a man who he picks up and saw off the street to give him a ride," Chief Smith commented.

"Persons in small towns or rural communities always have been kind about offering rides to pedestrians, largely because they knew the person walking the road and wanted to give him a lift. The kindness has been extended to the point where college boys can boast about the amount of mileage they cover gratis through the courtesy of motorists who pick them up."

The danger lies not in picking up a stranger, but in taking to the driver, but in extending aid to thieves and murderers who frequently accept the motorist's hospitality until they reach their destination, then rob or attack their benefactors.

In the consensus of opinion of police officers, drivers who pick up hitch-hikers are fools who gamble with disaster as much as the reckless driver.

As a warning to the driver who believes he knows an honest face it is safe to peek up a youth who apparently is just a student homeward bound, it was recalled that a dangerous insane criminal who escaped from a state hospital told police that he always managed to travel wherever he wanted by the simple expedient of wearing a sweater with a college letter on it and carrying a light suitcase.

Town Hall Series Starts Oct. 12

The Detroit Town Hall series of 20 Wednesday mornings at 11 o'clock at Fisher theater, opens October 12 with the Ballet Caravan. Three one-act ballets, "Yankee Clipper," "Filling Station" and "Promenade," much-talked of in New York, will be seen for the first time in Detroit.

Among the world celebrities who will speak during the season are Frank Lloyd Wright, architect, Elsa Maxwell, international social leader, Stefan Zweig, European biographer, William Lyon Phelps, book critic, Jim Tulley, writer on Hollywood, Vicky Baum, glamorous Viennese writer, the University of Chicago Round Table, Capt. John D. Craig, deep-sea diver, and Capt. C.W.R. Knight, "eagle man," both with new moving pictures. The Eva Jessye choir from the colored opera "Porgy and Bess," will sing.

Memberships for the season of 20 Wednesday mornings are available at the Detroit Town Hall office, 246 Hotel Stader. Also special balcony seats, unreserved seats, for club groups.

Mr. and Mrs. David Taylor left Tuesday for a visit with friends in Ames, Iowa.

Death Takes Holiday In Labor Day Traffic

Plymouth marked up a perfect traffic score for the three-day Labor day holiday week-end. The box score, according to police reports, was no deaths, no injuries, no accidents.

The safety mark was attained despite heavy traffic which continued through Plymouth during the holidays and which was particularly heavy Monday night as thousands of Detroiters passed through the city on their way homeward from holiday outings.

The traffic report bettered that of last year when several accidents happened and one person was killed in an auto smashup at Plymouth and Haggerty roads in three Plymouth area.

Traffic fatalities for the state at large were much lighter this year than last, when the auto-accident toll reached a total of 52 fatalities over the four vacation periods, according to state police reports.

Detroiters Found Dead In Auto By Plymouth Man

Berry Picker Discovers Suicide In Woods

James Swartz, 39 years old, of 14327 Lesure avenue, Detroit, who had been missing from his home four days, was found dead in his car at 3 p.m. Saturday off Levan road near the Pere Marquette railroad tracks four miles east of Plymouth Saturday by Anthony Kreger, of Mill street.

"I was looking for thimbleberries when I saw this coach parked in the woods out of view from the highway," Kreger said. "I walked up to the car and saw the body of a man inside. A hose attached to the exhaust pipe led into the closed interior of the machine."

Swartz had been dead about three days, it was decided after deputy sheriffs, called by Kreger, investigated the case. There was no note left to explain why Swartz had taken his own life. His body was identified Sunday in the morgue by his brother.

Townsend Club Hears Candidates

The Plymouth Townsend club concluded its outdoor meetings in Kellogg park Wednesday, August 31 with a large meeting of some equally nice speaking by Judge Earl N. Nash, candidate for congress, Clyde V. Fenner, candidate for state senate, James MacKenzie and George E. Gullen.

Monday, September 5, at 8:00 p.m. in the Grange hall Townsend club members, headed by J. F. Winneur of Highland Park was enjoyed by everyone. Stanley C. Barker then outlined his platform in connection with his candidacy for state senator from this district. Following Mr. Barker's talk Mr. Winneur gave a very encouraging talk on the Townsend Plan, pointing out the many desirable features of the plan and the rapid strides being made by the Townsend organization all over the country in the interest of real national recovery.

Monday evening, September 12 at 8:00 p.m. in the Grange hall the last regular meeting before the primary election will be held and it is important that all members and friends be present. Judge Edward J. Jeffries expects to be present to speak at this meeting.

Members of the Rotary club enjoyed melons last Friday that came from the garden of Jesse Hake out on Plymouth road. A number of friends, including the scribe, also enjoyed some of his watermelons.

Good Government Has to Be Human, City Manager Says

Nearly 50 persons heard an address delivered by City Manager Clarence H. Elliott at a luncheon Monday at the Hotel Mayflower last Friday.

Mr. Elliott took for a topic the subject of a quotation by Henry Clay which is printed over the mural in the commission chambers of the city hall.

The quotation reads, "Government is a trust created for the benefit of the people."

"If government is a trust created for the benefit of the people, then there are two very important equations by which we must measure the benefits derived," Mr. Elliott pointed out.

"First, there is the mathematical equation, which is a matter of spending the people's money carefully. What we are trying to do here is to put the measuring stick to expenditures by comparing our costs with those of other cities and by seeing just how cheaply we can run government efficiently.

Over 1,000 Voters In City Expected To Cast Ballots in Primary Tuesday; 150 New Registrations Are Received

Towle Family Moves To River Rouge

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Towle who have been residents of Plymouth for many years, this week moved to River Rouge where Mr. Towle has assumed charge of the business of a lumber company operating in that city. Mr. Towle, during his residence in this city, was active in civic affairs as well as the Rotary club. The many friends of the family will regret that they have decided to leave this community.

Salvation Army Aids 222 Over Eight Months

Report Shows None Went Unfed Or Unclothed

Since the first of the year 222 persons, whose financial condition ranged from destitution to milder needs for assistance, received aid of the Salvation Army, Capt. Edwin Alder revealed this week in a report on the work done by the Plymouth post from January to September.

"To our knowledge, no one in the Plymouth district of the Salvation Army, which includes an area within a 12-mile radius of Plymouth, has gone needy," Capt. Alder said.

"We have answered every call brought to our attention and, in addition, we have spent 740 hours in intensive search and investigation of the needy so that no cases would go unnoticed."

The Salvation Army cares for the needy regardless of race or religion and without profit. In addition to such material aid the Plymouth post has conducted an intensive search of and rehabilitation those who have lost possessions and spirit.

In rendering aid to 41 families in the period; the organization has been grateful, Capt. Alder said, for the whole-hearted cooperation of residents of the community in contributing money and supplies.

During the period, he said, 13 pieces of furniture and 426 articles of clothing and shoes were (Continued On Page Six)

11:40 P.M., Ford Hospital: Life Begins And Ends

His short life began and ended at the same hour and in the same place for Jimmie Frank Pierce, ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce, on Northville road, Thursday, September 8, 1938.

Jimmie was ushered into the world in Ford Hospital. At 11:40 p.m. Sept. 2 his brief decade of life came to a close, also in Ford hospital, following a delicate operation.

Funeral services which were held at 3 p.m. Monday at Schradler Bros. Funeral Home were attended in a body by Scout Cub Troop 620, of which the boy was a member. Burial was in Riverside cemetery.

Jimmie, who was in fifth grade at Starkweather school, is survived by his parents, a sister, Jane Abigail, his grandmothers, Mrs. Eva Pierce and Mrs. Elizabeth Norgrove; his aunts and uncles, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jewell, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kirk; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Tait; Mr. and Mrs. Norgrove and Arthur and Harold Norgrove, and several cousins.

Wildlife Group Seeks New Plan

The Western Wayne County Wildlife association will hold a meeting at 8:00 p.m. Monday night in the Hotel Mayflower to discuss adoption for the Plymouth area of the Williamson conservation plan. All members are urged to attend and take part in the discussion.

Under the Williamson plan, farmers and sportsmen cooperate to post all hunting districts in the area, which hunters are allowed to visit only after obtaining the permission of the Wildlife group.

Association officials said that several farmers on the west of Plymouth have agreed to enter into the plan with the association. Under the plan, farmers would be assured better and safer use of their property and sportsmen would get better conservation and hunting.

Walter Harms Awarded Rotary Honors

Because of a perfect attendance record over a five-year period, the Plymouth Rotary club last Friday presented Walter Harms with a diamond studded Rotary pin in recognition of his service to the club. The presentation was made by Father Frank A. Lafevre who lauded the faithfulness of Mr. Harms to Rotary club work.

Electors Urged To Note Rules Under New Secret System

More than 1,000 residents of Plymouth are expected to cast ballots Tuesday in the election for nomination of candidates for state and county offices.

City Clerk Clarence H. Elliott reported that about 150 new registrations had been received since the deadline for acceptance of new registrants was reached Saturday. He said that the total number of electors would top considerably the number of registrants for the 1936 primary, which totaled 984.

He said that he would be in his office at the city hall daily through Saturday for the purpose of giving out absent voters' ballots. No absent voters' ballots will be given out after 4:00 p.m. Saturday, he said.

At the same time, he scheduled a meeting of all election officials for Monday evening in order that new features of the election procedure might be studied carefully so that there would be no confusion at the polls.

Voters were warned this week to study election requirements closely so that their ballots will not be disqualified. They were advised particularly to remember that a split ticket is not permissible in the primary, although voters may pick out candidates from different parties in the final election, which will be held November 8.

Mr. Elliott said that he had received a number of calls asking information on this point. It should be clearly understood, he emphasized, that in the primary Tuesday voters must indicate their choices on the ballot of one party, and on that one ballot alone.

The primary is entirely a nominating election for specific political parties and the voter must restrain his votes to just one party Tuesday, although he may cast his vote for candidates in different parties in the final election in November.

Michigan this year is adopting a secret primary ballot law, which is causing confusion in the minds of some voters. Formerly, electors first had to choose their party by telling their choice to the election board, which made the decision a matter of public record.

Under the new system, voters will receive ballots of both parties and will make their party choice in the secrecy of the polling booth.

After marking the candidates on the party ballot of his choice, the voter will fold each ballot separately so that only the number on each is visible. He will then place his ballot in the ballot box, which he will deposit in the ballot box.

Voting in the primary will open at 7:00 a.m. Tuesday and the polls will close at 8:00 p.m. There will be four polling places for Plymouth voters. Electors living in Precinct 1 will cast ballots at the city hall, precinct 2, at the Starkweather school, precinct 3, at the high school, and precinct 4, at Giles Real Estate office on Pennington avenue.

The inspector, in the presence of the voter, will destroy the numbered corners, deposit the voted ballot in the voted box and the blank ballot in the blank ballot box.

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