

It will not be long now before the hundreds and hundreds of thousands of enthusiastic Michigan tourists will be heading north to see the interesting sights that can be found only in northern Michigan.

There is one place that is always of interest to Michigan residents as well as people from other states—it is that historic place known as Mackinac Island and the surrounding country and lakes.

But before crossing over to the island, one should not fail to see the restored Michilimackinac State Park, within the city limits of Mackinac Island.

From a recent report of the Mackinac Island State Park commission the following interesting description of what can be found in this state park, has been taken: "This famous and historic park on the Straits of Mackinac, containing the restored fort and stockade which was the scene of the Pontiac massacre on June 4, 1763, has become a foremost attraction for northern Michigan summer visitors. It includes some 20 acres of woodland and a quarter mile of shore front. For more than 16 years it has been under the able administration of Custodian Chris Schneider.

"Buildings in this park include a community hall, a community kitchen, pavilion, bath houses and small craft pier, and the cottage occupied by the custodian. A typical northern Michigan zoo is maintained by the custodian. "Old Fort Michilimackinac was restored by the Park Commission some years ago, on plans obtained from the British museum and on the exact lines of the original fort built more than 200 years ago. It includes a small Indian Village and a free historical museum. Here took place 175 years ago the historic Pontiac massacre.

"The village of Mackinac City has no sewer system, and a septic tank plan was installed at this park years ago, when its attendance was a few thousand each summer. In 1937, with an attendance of more than 100,000, and an automobile camp frequently occupied by several hundred cars and trailers, the old sewer system proved so entirely inadequate that the State Health Department was appealed to by the Commission to make a study of the imperative sanitary needs. As a result, the Administrative Board early in 1938 approved Health Department blueprints for a new sewer installation, with septic and chlorination tanks, which would fully meet the needs of this park for many years to come. At an expense of about \$5,000 the new system was installed by the custodian and his men, saving the state several thousand dollars over estimates for this work from private contractors. It has been approved in its completion by the State Health engineers.

"This year the electric service available for trailers has been increased, and a small camping charge of 25c a day or \$1.00 per week put into effect, providing free fuel, free use of the community kitchen, hall and all park facilities, day and night patrol and garbage disposal. All roads were broken in park attendance in 1938, and the earnings from electric service and camp fees amounted to \$2,492.00, as shown in the notarized report.

"A shower bath building is being built by park employees from lumber used for concrete frames in the new tanks. Park roads and paths have been restored after the trench work, buildings painted and the roof of the pavilion re-shingled. "The 1938 attendance at this park is estimated at close to 115,000 visitors."

Hospital Day Proclamation

To the citizens of Plymouth: WHEREAS, our local hospital performs a great public service to the citizens of Plymouth and this vicinity, a service which saves them time, energy, and money because it is in our own community instead of miles away. WHEREAS, our local hospital performs a great public service to the citizens of Plymouth in that it cares for an enormous number of accident and emergency cases, many times with very small remuneration and at sometimes without any compensation at all; WHEREAS, the citizens of Plymouth may justly show their appreciation for the fine service which is rendered to this community throughout the year by the Misses Wicost, who manage the Plymouth hospital so efficiently; WHEREAS, we are glad to express our appreciation for the fine humanitarian service which is rendered by hospitals in general; NOW THEREFORE, as mayor of Plymouth, I do proclaim Sunday, May 12, as Hospital Day in the city of Plymouth.

Ruth Huston Whipple, Mayor of the City of Plymouth. Mrs. Martin Moe entertained her "500" club, Tuesday afternoon, in her home on Liberty street.

Plymouth United Bank Now 50 Years Old

Local Doctors Attend Convention

Drs. Ed and Alta Rice attended a convention at the Book-Cadillac over the week-end. The principal lecturer was Dr. Dan Coombs of Kansas City, who demonstrated his technique of diagnosis of pathological conditions in the body by X-ray and fluoroscopy of the colon.

Dr. Fitzgerald, of Cleveland, Ohio, also demonstrated adjustment technique. Dr. Pulowski, former teacher in the National College of Chiropractic, Chicago, gave a lecture on gynecology.

Celebrates 36th Anniversary of Business Here

William Pettengill Is One of the "Old Timers" It was just 36 years ago this week that William Pettengill started in business in Plymouth.

Born down in Greenup, Kentucky, "Bill" was just a youngster when he came to Wayne one week-end to attend a family reunion. He was so impressed with Michigan that he searched for a job and before he knew it he was a full-fledged conductor on the old D. P. & N.

On the 6th of May in 1904, Mr. Pettengill purchased a half interest in the Brown and Shafer Grocery store which was located at that time in the building owned by Edward Shafer which is now the Simon department store. Fifteen years later Fred Campbell bought out Mr. Brown's interest in the store. It was then known as the Pettengill and Campbell grocery.

A few years later the store was forced to move because rats had undermined the Mickey Burch saloon which caused the two buildings to cave in. They then bought out the Davis grocery stock and moved into the building that is now occupied by the A. & P. store. A few months later Campbell and Pettengill moved into the old Kimball Drug store building which is now the Woodworth building. They stayed there until Mr. Pettengill took over Mr. Campbell's interest, February 1, 1922, and 18 years ago moved to his present location.

In Mr. Pettengill's advertisement this week he compares present day prices with those offered in his day 36 years ago. At the time of his opening he featured the celebrated Columbus stock food for horses, cattle and hogs. Today Mr. Pettengill no longer carries these items but features fresh frozen vegetables, fish and fowl. His price comparison on identical items will be interesting to Plymouth Mail readers.

Pontiac Dealer Tells of Progress

According to Ross L. Berry, local Pontiac dealer, the Pontiac Motor Car company, this June, will have produced 2,000,000 cars each bearing the famed Indian head trademark—more than twice as many Indian heads as there were Indians in America when Columbus arrived.

The United States Bureau of Indian Affairs estimates there were 846,000 aboriginals in America in 1492. Pontiac's trademark, streamlined nose and moulded in plastic, was designed in 1926 when the first Pontiac appeared.

Demand for new cars here has been so great that the local agency is still behind on their deliveries. The Berry agency is located at 906 S. Main street in the Dettling garage. Ralph Huntzinger is associated with M. Berry in the agency.

Nominations to Open for Board Positions Nominating petitions will be received from May 11 to 25 by the Plymouth board of education for two members to serve terms of three years. Superintendent George A. Smith announced Wednesday, two trustees whose terms of office end this June are Mrs. S. D. Strong, who recently replaced Herald Hamill who moved from the school district, and George E. Fischer.

The election of members to the school board will be held June 10, and all persons wishing their names to appear on ballots for one of the two vacancies must have their petitions for nomination in the hands of the board by May 25.

Further notice as to time and place of registration and election will appear in The Plymouth Mail.

Two Bank Officers Are Descendants of Founders

Daisy, Plymouth Mail Are Only Other Half Century Firms in City

Monday, May 13, the Plymouth United Savings Bank will celebrate its fifth birthday anniversary. At that time it will join the ranks of Plymouth's Daisy Manufacturing company and The Plymouth Mail in having served this community for more than a half century.

The Daisy Manufacturing company is now in its fifty-fourth year and The Plymouth Mail in its fifty-second.

Way back in 1883 a group of Plymouth business men met to formulate the plans for organizing a new bank for Plymouth. The meeting was held above the old R. G. Hall store, now the Dodge Drug company. On December 12 of that year the bank was organized with a capital stock of \$50,000 and 13 directors were elected to serve on the board.

T. C. Sherwood, father of Mrs. Maude Cooper who resides at the corner of Pennington avenue and Harvey street, was elected the first president. Other directors were L. H. Bennett, father of C. H. Bennett who is now president of the bank and also president of the Daisy Manufacturing company; Samuel Lyndon, father of Alfred Lyndon who owns the

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Request City to Assume Xmas Lighting Expense

Chamber of Commerce Sends Representatives to Commission Meet

Walter Harms and Irving Blunk, representatives of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, were present at the Monday night meeting of the city commission and on behalf of the organization requested that the city assume the Christmas season lighting and street decoration expenses.

The representatives suggested that the city put the expense in the current budget so that residents as a whole will indirectly pay for the decorations, and not just a few business men and the Chamber of Commerce. It was agreed at a meeting of the business men that they will turn over all decorations and equipment which have been purchased in recent years.

Before leaving the matter final consideration the city commission requested the city manager to consult the other cities about the proposal. Providing the report is made by Monday night, consideration of the matter will be taken up at the budget hearing at that time. Otherwise, commissioners will study the matter at their next regular meeting, Monday, May 20.

Last year, the expense of lighting and decoration was shared jointly by the Chamber of Commerce and city of Plymouth, involving approximately \$175 for each.

Most of the city's expense was in decorating the parks, while the business men's organization purchased lights and trees for the streets.

Garden Club to Meet Monday

The Plymouth branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden association will meet Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Mrs. Leo Crane at 1494 Pennington avenue. On May 14 and 15, the annual state meeting will take place in Lansing in the Hotel Olds. Reservations must be made by May 10. On May 18 and 19 a pilgrimage of the following gardens in Grosse Pointe will be made by the members of the Michigan branches: Mrs. Arthur Garden, Mrs. Harry N. Torrey, Mrs. Standish Backus, Mrs. Ledyard Mitchell, Mrs. Richard H. Webber, Mrs. Carl Breer, Mrs. Raymond H. Berry, Mrs. Henry E. Candler, Mrs. Theodore D. Buhl and Mrs. Oscar Webber.

The speaker Monday will be Mrs. Herbert Byer of Rosedale Park. The assisting hostess will be Mrs. H. L. Poppenger, Mrs. Clarence Moore, Mrs. R. M. Mulford, Mrs. William P. Wernick, Mrs. Jesse Tritten and Mrs. Horace Thatcher.

Clean-up and Paint-up Week Is Fixed by Mayor's Proclamation

To the citizens of Plymouth: WHEREAS, Plymouth has the reputation of being an unusually attractive, well-groomed city in which to live;

WHEREAS, Plymouth is noted as the City of Homes, and the word "home" implies orderliness, neatness, and cleanliness;

WHEREAS, there is need each spring for a special home beautification program to offset the grime and soot which are the necessary accompaniment of our northern winters;

NOW, THEREFORE, as Mayor of Plymouth, I do proclaim May 13 to May 18, inclusive, as Plymouth's paint-up and clean-up week. Our municipal garbage and rubbish collection agents will work overtime, if necessary, to collect your surplus refuse; our city manager, Clarence H. Elliott, has started a special program for repainting and cleaning of the streets in the business areas twice weekly, besides a special Sunday morning collection of the papers that litter the downtown area every week-end; again this spring our city commission is continuing its program of municipal beautification through park improvements, more tree planting, and further surfacing and paving of streets that have curb and gutter.

With all this being done, if our individual citizens and homeowners will take up clean-up and paint-up, we can make Plymouth what it has every right to be—the prettiest little city in Michigan.

RUTH HUSTON WHIPPLE, Mayor of the city of Plymouth.

Buy Library Site

City Voters Must Re-Register at City Hall

Population Increase Calls for Cancellation of Old Registrations

Every qualified elector in the city of Plymouth must re-register. All registrations made previous to this date are cancelled because the city is required by law to change the method of registration.

City Manager C. H. Elliott advised the city commission at the meeting Monday night of the action, which, in accordance with state law, is mandatory for all cities in the state with a population more than 5,000 to have what is commonly known as permanent registration.

Although the city of Plymouth is classed by the 1930 census as having a population under 5,000, the city manager was unofficially advised by Richard Wernette, of Detroit, sub-district leader of enumeration for this locality, that reports this year indicate that it is well in excess of 5,000. The most recent census figure has not been given out officially, but Mr. Wernette says that the number will be released within a few weeks.

The new method of registration does not affect school elections. It is only for elections involving city, state or national issues. Under the former set-up, persons who registered at one time were kept on the role unless the city clerk was advised, or by other methods, learned that they were dead or moved from the city.

According to rules established for permanent registration, a person loses the right to vote when he fails to go to the polls two years in succession. If he misses the two times, he is automatically refused the right for an official vote in elections until he re-registers.

The city manager requests that qualified electors in the city of Plymouth register for voting as soon as possible so that there will not be a last minute rush before the national elections are held next fall. The new registration forms have been obtained. All persons who wish to register must appear personally at the city hall.

C. H. Rouch entertained a few guests at a dinner, Monday, in the Hotel Mayflower. Those present were Mrs. Mamie Lee, who left on Tuesday for her home in Kansas City, Missouri, after visiting for the month in the home of Charles Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hough, Mr. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lyon and Pauline Peck.

Freeman Butler Completes 30 Years With Telephone Company This Month

Friends of Freeman G. Butler, who was with the Michigan Bell Telephone company here for ten years until his recent transfer to Farmington, will be interested to know he will observe his thirtieth Bell system service anniversary this month.

Butler was transferred to Farmington as an exchange repairman; the first of the year. He still reports, however, to the Plymouth area office of the company.

Butler's duties at Farmington are the same as those he had at Plymouth. It is his job to prevent service troubles in every way possible and to restore service as quickly once trouble develops. And the trouble may range from a broken cord on the telephone itself to a severed cable. Let a violent storm hit the community and his duties may become multitudinous.

The telephone career of Butler, who was born in Ontario, has extended into two countries, and two states in this country. He started with the Bell Telephone company of Canada in 1904 and at one time was with the Southern California Telephone company at Los Angeles.

His service with the Michigan Bell began when he started as an installer at Lansing in 1924. He came to Plymouth as a combination man in 1930 and remained here until the first of this year when he went to Farmington.

Butler was active in lodge circles here, being a member of the Masonic Order and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is also a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, Wolverine chapter.

Rauch Property to Be Added to Civic Center

Purchase of the C. H. Rauch property at 694 Church street for the future site of a municipal library was announced by City Manager C. H. Elliott yesterday. It was considered a desirable site to build a library because it lies in with the idea of grouping a number of municipal buildings in a civic center around Central park as planned for the future by the city planning commission.

The price for the property as agreed on by Mr. Rauch and the city commission was \$5,000. Necessary papers are now being prepared so that the city will (Continued on page 8)

City Manager to Obtain Land for Parking Lot

To Condemn Property That Is Withheld From Purchase

City Manager C. H. Elliott was requested by the city commission at its meeting Monday night to secure options on land to be used for a municipal parking lot. The property which is to be considered for purchase is an area behind the stores on Main street and Pennington avenue.

If property owners withhold their land from the sale, the city manager has the consent of all commissioners to start condemnation proceedings.

The municipal parking question has been under consideration for several years. There is a definite need for such a space to relieve the congested parking conditions which exist. Heretofore it has been difficult to obtain the properties. Oftentimes the city and property owners could not agree on a price. Some refused to sell.

As a result of a meeting last week at which the city manager and all the principal property owners in the area met to discuss the problem, both parties agreed on what they thought was a fair price. The parking lot, as planned by the planning commission contains approximately 33,000 square feet, and will involve an expenditure of about \$80,000 for the city.

Mr. Elliott will obtain the property options immediately and the land will be purchased following the start of the new fiscal year, July 1. He said that the options will be bought up about July 10.

Plans are now that a part of the lot will be improved so that parking facilities will be available during the summer months.

The commission received a letter from Plymouth's Chamber of Commerce stating that the organization is on record as being in favor of the municipal parking lot. Commissioners accepted the letter and placed it on file.

Members of both organizations will dedicate each tree to one of Plymouth's war dead.

Originally the names of each of the soldiers were inscribed on a metal star which was set in a cement curbing near the trees. The curbing was torn out three years ago when the course of the street was changed in the park, although the trees were left undisturbed.

The club, with the cooperation of the city of Plymouth, has secured a marble-cement monument on which the original stars will be placed. The city planning commission recommended that the memorial be placed directly in front of the school entrance, about six feet from the sidewalk. It will be in the center of the grove of nine trees.

The men for whom the trees will be dedicated are Myron H. Beals, Charles Burch, Charles Chappell, Scott D. Corliffe, Walter E. Gordon, Vernon B. Henderson, David Oliver, Harry J. Rattenbury and J. Edward Tighe.

Fire Causes \$40,000 Damage Last Friday To Local Stores

When Fire Threatened Stores



Crowds watching blaze destroy Willoughby shoe store and damage Dodge drug store.



City Manager Elliott and Chief of Police Smith aid in directing fight against flames.

Several thousand dollars worth of furniture was stored above the Dodge drug store and the Willoughby shoe store. (Continued on page 4)

Plymouth Post Office Establishes High Record Among First Class Offices of State, Report Shows

MONDAY LAST DAY TO ENTER IN ESSAY CONTEST

Next Monday noon has been set as the deadline for entries in the contest being sponsored by William Rose and John Jacobs. The winning boy will be sent to Boys State as a reward for his work.

Poppy Sale on Saturday, May 25

Permission was granted the American Legion and Ex-Servicemen's club to hold their annual Poppy Day sale in Plymouth, Saturday, May 25, by the city commission at their meeting Monday night.

The organizations also requested that they be given the right to use Kellogg park and city streets on Decoration day, May 30. Commissioners voted unanimously to grant this permission.

It is planned by the Ex-Servicemen that a dedicatory ceremony will be held Decoration day for a tree memorial, consisting of nine separate maples, which were planted some years ago in Central park in front of the school building.

The total sales here during the last year amounted to \$62,287.50, with the city of Hastings a close second.

Dowagiac, of similar size to Plymouth was in twenty-ninth place, Marshall was in forty-ninth place, with a total sale of only \$33,675.

In the announcement sent Postmaster Learned, Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau announced that the total sales of savings bonds in the United States through March 31, 1940, aggregated in maturity value, more than \$3,860,273,475, and by approximately 1,987,374 investors. The total represents average purchases of \$2,495,325 for each business day since March 1, 1935, when these bonds were first placed on sale. Deducing bonds redeemed, the maturity value of United States savings bonds outstanding on March 31, 1940, was approximately \$3,495,573,600.

The total maturity value of purchases for the calendar year 1939 was \$1,104,060,000, an average purchase for each business day of last year of \$3,667,975.

United States savings bonds are sold on a discount basis and mature in ten years for one-third more than their purchase price. For example, \$75 is the (Continued on page 8)

Furnace Explodes in Basement of Willoughby Store

Dodge Drug Stock Is Badly Damaged by Smoke and Steam

The explosion of a furnace in the basement of Willoughby Brothers' Walk Over Boot Shop on Main street caused a fire last Friday morning that resulted in damages to the extent of nearly \$40,000. Fire spread so rapidly in the shoe store basement that it took the combined efforts of the Plymouth, Northville, Wayne County Training school, Detroit House of Correction fire departments and also a squadron of Detroit's specially trained rescue firemen nearly three hours to bring the blaze under control.

The shoe stock of the Willoughby store totaling in value about \$20,000 was a complete loss and damage was estimated at about \$10,000 to the building itself. The floor and all of the racks on the side of the store fell into the basement.

The Dodge drug store was badly damaged by smoke and the loss there was estimated at many thousands of dollars. Merchandise and the walls of the store were covered by smoke that rolled up the stairway which was used by both stores. The drug store was opened for business on Saturday and work is under way now to redecorate the store's interior.

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Jene K. Brocklehurst Takes Dearborn Bride

Miss Evelyn Frances Coopersmith and Jene Kentall Brocklehurst were united in marriage by the Rev. Hopman Walker in the rectory of St. Mary's Catholic church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 4, at 2:30 o'clock.

The bridal ensemble included a street length dress of alpine cloth in Alice blue with a simple V-neckline, short puffed sleeves, and a very full skirt. The hat, a tiny pill-box, was made of the dress material and encased in navy blue veil. Navy blue accessories and a corsage of gardenias completed the ensemble. The bride also wore in wardrobe's gift, a tiny gold becket.

Mrs. Edward DePorter was matron of honor. She was dressed in dusty pink crepe, styled with short puffed sleeves, high neckline, and a short jacket. Her accessories were brown, accented with a nosegay of fresh spring flowers.

Edward DePorter was best man. Mrs. A. K. Brocklehurst, the bridegroom's mother, selected a busy, pink colored dress with black accessories.

At the reception, which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward DePorter, out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Brocklehurst and Miss Virginia Brocklehurst, parents and sister of the bridegroom, of Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. C. DePorter, of San Diego, California; and Mrs. Anthony Savickes, of this city.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael C. Coopersmith, of Dearborn, is a graduate of Fordson high school and attended Fordson Junior college. The bridegroom is a graduate of the Plymouth high school and attended Michigan State college. He now holds a position at the Mellon Institute in Pittsburgh in the vitamin research laboratory.

Mr. and Mrs. Brocklehurst are residing at 249 Myron in Pittsburgh and have the best wishes of their many friends in and around Plymouth.

That next Monday and Tuesday special at the Lov-Lee Beauty Salon is a Clean-Up Facial for 50 cents and an arm facial for 60 cents. Phone 644 for an appointment.

Miriam Jolliffe of Lapeer, will spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Jolliffe.

The Lov-Lee Beauty Salon has the new Creme Wave Permanent by Realistic for \$5.00. Phone 644.

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