

PLYMOUTH'S LOCATION on a railroad places it on the western route of Detroit's industrial expansion, explains Ledyard Blakeman, executive director of the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning commission. Looking on, from left, are Paul Reid, planning analyst; Jack Robison, president of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce; and (at far right) Robert Carpenter, planner.

### Slow but Sure Growth Predicted for Vicinity

"The question will not be if the Plymouth area will grow or not — it's coming whether you like it or not! The question is if you will be prepared to meet this growth by planning ahead and cooperating as a city and township to work out your problems."

These were the words of Paul Reid, planning analyst of the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning commission, who was one of three speakers at Plymouth Chamber of Commerce February dinner meeting Monday night.

Over 125 men and women attended the meeting, representing business establishments and the city and township governments. James Thomas was chairman of the meeting.

The three guest speakers were Ledyard Blakeman, executive director of the regional planning commission; Robert Carpenter, the commission's planner; and Reid, who spoke in Plymouth a month ago to the School Community Planning Group.

Plymouth is not growing at the same fast pace as many of its neighboring communities in Wayne county, Reid declared.

According to a formula developed for the Detroit area, Plymouth would have a maximum 13,800 people by 1970. But the present growth rate here indicates it will have 12,300 by 1970 and will not reach the maximum until 1980.

This slower rate of growth, Reid asserted, will allow Plymouth time to plan its growth more carefully than other fast-growing communities such as Livonia, Redford or Inkster. Slow but sure growth of the Plymouth area is bound to come, he said, due to three reasons:

1. The Plymouth area lies at the western end of the industrial corridor which extends westward from Detroit along the C & O railroad; 2. a new interceptor sewer system is gradually moving westward and will some day cover this area; 3. Plymouth is now detached from the main urban masses which are moving from the core of Detroit. There still is some undeveloped territory be-

### Call Special Civil Defense Meeting

Questions of blood typing, rescue truck operation and how to use water contaminated with radio-active dust will be among the items discussed tonight at a civil defense meeting to which the public has been invited.

Scheduled for 8 o'clock at the Plymouth township hall, the CD director, Leo Flowers, states that he is calling the meeting because of growing public tension as more revelations are made concerning nuclear weapons.

Flowers points out that many people do not know their blood type and the area CD units may embark upon a blood typing program. Dr. Frederick Bentley, CD medical director, declares that the job is costly but that he will confer with the Wayne County Health department.

What to do with water if exposed to atomic or hydrogen blasts is also being studied by the CD unit in cooperation with the health department. A rescue truck being purchased by the unit and operated by Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion members will be discussed.

Flowers added that a Geiger counter, used for checking radio activation, is also being purchased.

### Need Blood Donors For Local Resident

An urgent appeal for blood donors has been requested for local resident George Keeping of 902 Hartsough, a patient at St. Joseph's Mercy hospital in Ann Arbor.

Suffering from a non-clotting condition of the blood, Keeping has had 48 pints of blood since October 4, when he first entered St. Joseph's Mercy hospital in Ann Arbor. Released temporarily from the hospital on December 14, the Plymouth resident was readmitted to the Ann Arbor hospital on February 14, where he is presently a patient. Keeping is an employee of the McLaren company of North Main street.

Donations of blood may be made directly at the hospital, 326 North Ingalls, Ann Arbor, at any hospital or blood bank in the country with the request that it be transferred in Keeping's name to St. Joseph's Mercy hospital.

### Postpone Band Parade

Due to a record high number of flu and mumps cases among the student population, the Fourth Annual Parade of Bands was not held Tuesday, as previously scheduled. The event has been indefinitely postponed, according to Director Laurence Livingston.

Originally 500 Plymouth youngsters in the elementary, junior and senior high school bands were to participate in the event.

George Bowles, chairman of the State Mediation Board, will be the guest speaker Saturday at a public meeting of the state and national affairs committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Plymouthites will speak on current labor problems. Anyone interested in this subject is being invited. It will be held at the Mayflower hotel starting at 9:30 a.m.

# Youths Admit Three Local Burglaries

## Easter Seal Campaign To Begin March 10

First step in the annual Easter Seal drive, which opens March 10 and will carry through to April 10, is the extensive mailing campaign now underway, handled by Easter Seal Chairman Frank Allison and numerous volunteer workers.

The mailing part of the drive consists of appeal letters containing sheets of Easter Seals, which will be sent out to Plymouth residents in order to acquaint the city with the drive before the canisters are placed in the local business stores.

To date students of the Plymouth high school typing classes have addressed approximately 6500 envelopes in preparation for the mailing campaign. This task has been shouldered by typing students for several years.

Goal of the month-long Easter Seal drive is to raise sufficient funds to finance the coming year's projects planned by the Wayne Out-County Chapter, Michigan Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Included in the plans of the organization is a month-long day camp for the area's crippled children to be held at the Kiwanis Girl Scout lodge this summer.

Other money contributed goes to support the direct services of the Easter Seal Society, which cover case findings, transportation to clinics and hospitals, educational assistance and occupational therapy, to the homebound handicapped.

Last year's local contribution goal was set at \$3,300 and Chairman Allison hopes to go over this year's mark in the current drive.

A committee of four Rotarians, Charles Bennett, Robert Willoughby, who is a member of the board of directors of the Wayne Out-County Chapter, John Zittel and Harry Mohrman will assist in the campaign.

## Teachers to Hear MEA President

The Plymouth Education association, local teachers organization, will be honored Tuesday, March 8, with the presence of Miss Ellen Solomonson, president of the Michigan Education association.

The state president will be guest speaker at the meeting which starts at 3:45 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Discussed before the group of 130 local teachers will be the subject of local MEA chapters and what they can do to promote better public relations and improve the professional standards of teachers.

President of the Plymouth organization is Robert Smith. Earl Gibson is program chairman.

## Set Registration For Elections

Unregistered voters who plan to go to the polls for the special school election on March 28 or for the biennial spring election on April 4 have been given a deadline by which they must register.

Carl Caplin, secretary of the board of education, states that unregistered electors must register by 5 p.m. on March 18. For the spring election one week later, registration must be completed on or before March 7.

Registration for both elections must take place within the governmental division in which the elector lives. In Plymouth township, registrations will be taken by Clerk Norman Miller and in the city it is Clerk Kenneth Way.

Persons who have never registered or those who had at one time registered but have not voted for the past four years must re-register.

## Orchestra, Chorus Present Brahms' Requiem Sunday

Civic choruses from Plymouth and Livonia will join forces this Sunday afternoon to present Brahms' Requiem in the fifth concert of the current season with the Plymouth Symphony orchestra.

The orchestra will be under the direction of Emil Raab, while Fred Nelson and Donald C. Robinson will conduct the Plymouth and Livonia choruses, respectively. Nat Sibbold, baritone, and Esther Scheppele, soprano, will be guest soloists.

The program will open with "Sarabanda," "Giga" and "Badrinerie" from Corelli's "Suite for Strings." Brahms' "Tragic Overture" will conclude the first part of the program with "A German Requiem" being presented following intermission.

"Blessed are they that mourn," "Behold, all flesh is as the grass," "Lord, make me to know," "How lovely is Thy dwelling place," "Ye now are sorrowful," "Here on earth have we no continuing place" and "Blessed are the dead" will be the selections to be presented from the Requiem.

All Plymouth Symphony orchestra concerts are held at 4:00 p.m. in the Plymouth high school gymnasium. Admission to the concerts is free.

## Plymouth Boys Involved In Crime "Enterprise"

Several thousand dollars worth of stolen goods have been returned to the Dunning library, Davis & Lent men's store and the Gaffield Studio following the capture of four college sophomores—two of them from Plymouth—who had started well on their way to a serious life of crime.

The three unsolved burglaries came to a sudden climax Monday when Michigan State Police in Mt. Pleasant notified local police that they had arrested four 19-year-old boys who had confessed the Plymouth thefts and several others in Michigan cities. Held in custody are:

William L. Moore, 43840 Joy road; Lawrence C. Tillotson, 607 Blunk; Donald B. Northcote, Clarkston, Michigan; and John C. Spencer, Midland, Michigan.

So methodical was their purpose that they formed an organization known as "Tillmore Enterprises." Scrapbooks were kept of their crimes including newspaper clippings from The Plymouth Mail which told of their burglaries here.

Captain Kenneth Fisher of the Plymouth police force traveled to Saginaw Tuesday to talk with the boys and to bring back a carload of loot which they had taken. Moore, Tillotson and Spencer are being held in Saginaw county jail on a charge of breaking and entering in the night time while Northcote is held in Midland on a bad check charge.

It was the arrest of Northcote which broke the case. Attired as a priest, he had cashed several bad checks in Ann Arbor and Detroit. After cashing a check in a grocery store outside of Midland, store owners took his car's license number. When the check bounced, state police traced the car to Mt. Pleasant where Northcote was arrested.

Northcote then gave state police a 15-page statement of his lawless activities and those of his three companions.

Moore, Spencer and Tillotson were taken to Saginaw to face charges of breaking into a store there, Captain Fisher reported.

Their first Plymouth theft took place on December 20 at Davis & Lent. The store was remaining open for Christmas shopping. Spencer slipped into the stock room and hid under a packing box at 8:30 p.m. After the store closed, he let Moore and Tillotson in and they took clothing and sporting goods having an estimated value at that time of \$900.

But after their arrest this week, it was found they had taken over \$1,500 worth of merchandise. This loot included suits, sport coats, electric shavers, shoes, suitcases, hunting knives, flashlights and a rifle which they sold, and many other items.

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## Bank Offices to Combine

A banking habit which for many began 31 years ago will have to be changed this Monday morning when the Penniman and Plymouth offices of the National Bank of Detroit combine.

All banking services will be conducted from the corner office and work will immediately begin to convert the Penniman office into an installment loan office.

For Vice-President Floyd Kehrl and his assistant, Jack Taylor, it will mark the first time since the Penniman office opened its doors as the First National bank on May 1, 1924 that either have conducted business in any other locale.

A branch office of the National Bank of Detroit is currently under construction on Ann Arbor Rd. at Harvey street.

## Rush for License Plates Jams Cars; Bureau Moving to Liberty Street

With the big rush for license plates now past — during which over 1,000 a day were sold in the last three days — the local license bureau office is now making preparations to move into new offices on March 14 at 181 West Liberty street.

As was expected, thousands of motorists waited until the last few days to do their license buying. So rushed was the license bureau Saturday that a traffic jam developed around the township hall, making it necessary to call in help from the Wayne county sheriff's department.

Six workers kept the lines moving fairly fast during the rush hours. Though the lines once formed through the township hall and out the front door, waiting time was not over 15 minutes or so. The office remained open until 9 p.m. last Saturday and Monday.

All licenses bearing the prefix of C-A and C-C have been issued and licenses now being issued are in the E-F series.

Working with the office manager, Mrs. Charles Root, Jr., were Mrs. Freda Range, Mrs. Jean Dunson, Mrs. Nona Urban, Mrs. Barbara Steckes and Mrs. Millie Dely.

## Hugh Law to Open Dry Cleaning Plant

Construction is now underway at 1275 South Main street on a building to house a new dry cleaning plant tentatively named "Colonial Cleaners."

The new business is owned and will be operated by Hugh Law of 46120 Ann Arbor road. Law has been in the contracting business in Plymouth in recent years, but formerly operated a dry cleaning plant in Ohio.

The 30' by 40' building is expected to be completed before Easter. Law said that he hopes to be open for business by that date. "We plan to offer quality cleaning and to specialize in fast, 4-hour service," he added. In keeping with the Chamber of Commerce plan to colonize Plymouth's business district, Law indicated that his building will have an early American front.

## Kiwanis, Theatre Guild Present Play Next Week

Plymouth residents will have a chance to see friends and neighbors perform behind the footlights next week when the curtain goes up on "Time Out for Ginger," sixth play to be sponsored by the local Kiwanis club.

In cooperation with the Plymouth Theatre Guild, the Kiwanians are presenting the comedy as a means of raising funds for the support of the Girl Scout Lodge maintained by the organization. Dates for the production are Thursday through Saturday, March 10, 11 and 12 at 8:15 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The following members of the cast will be well known to many Plymouthites through acquaintanceship and for their skilled performances in past productions of the Guild:

Judy Sechlin as "Ginger," Ruth Barney in the role of "Agnes Carol," Ginger's mother; Russ Creel portraying Ginger's father,

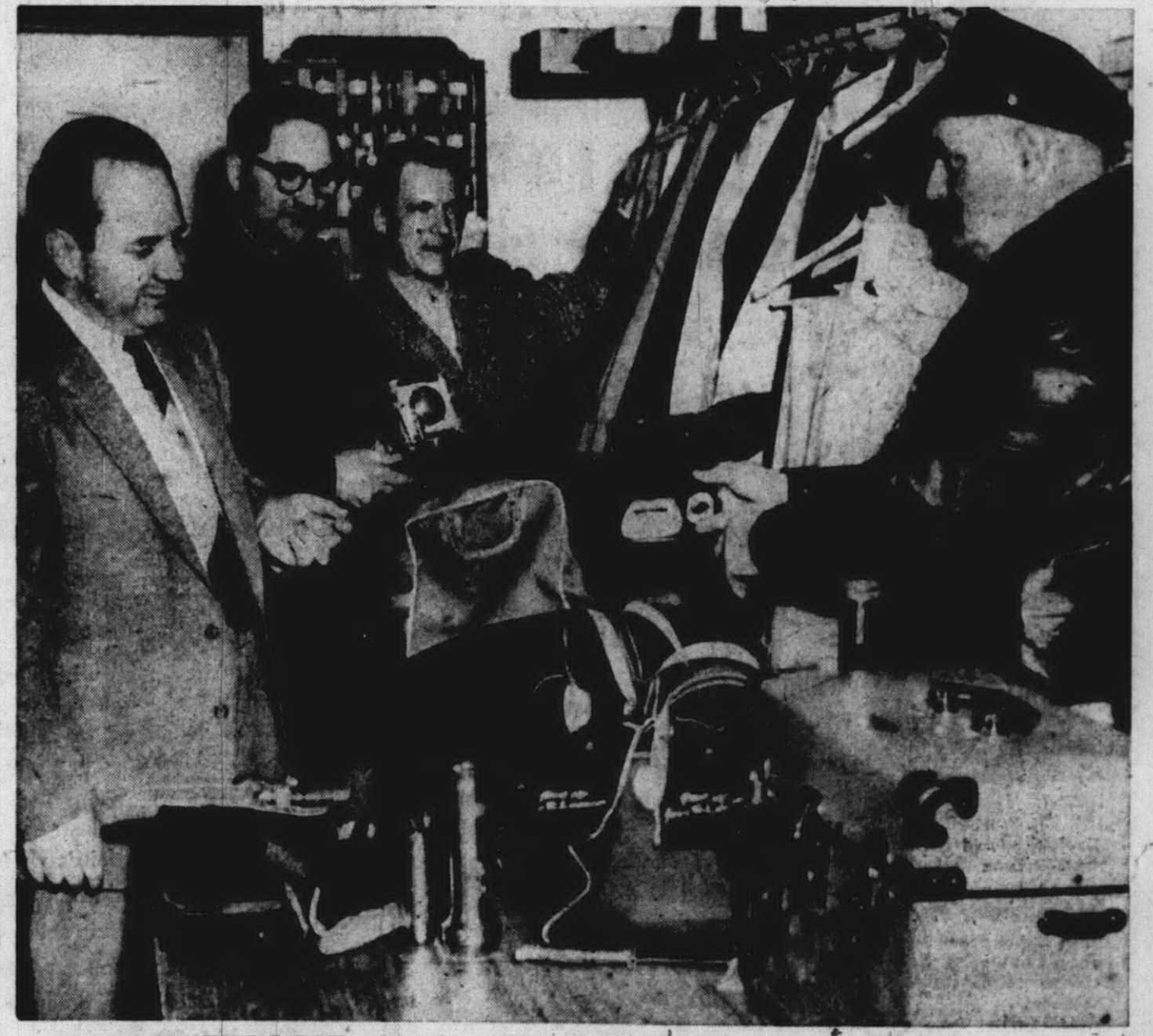
## Board to Review Tax Grievances Next Week

City taxpayers dissatisfied with their assessments will have an opportunity to have their grievance reviewed next Tuesday and Wednesday when the Board of Review holds its conferences.

Assessor-Clerk Kenneth Way states that the board will meet in the commission chambers from noon to 6 p.m. this Tuesday and from 3 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday.

The Board of Review meeting provides an additional opportunity for taxpayers to present protests or suggestions relative to assessed values on local property if satisfaction cannot first be found after conference with the assessor.

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PART OF THE LOOT taken from Plymouth by four youths is shown here being returned to its owners. Wendell Lent, left, displays some of the \$1,500 worth of clothing and sporting goods taken from Davis & Lent. Next to him, Photographer John Gaffield looks over his camera, part of \$600 worth of equipment taken from his studio several weeks ago. Also shown are Charles Beegle of Davis & Lent and Patrolman Louis Westfall, looking at an electric shaver, one of several stolen. All the suits and sportcoats in the background were among the items taken.