

To Decide Monday On School Bond

Between 700 and 1,000 voters in the Plymouth Township School District are expected to cast their ballots Monday to decide on a \$3,000,000 bond issue—the largest financial venture ever attempted by the local school system.

The special election will be held in Room 14 of the high school with polls opening at 7 a.m. and closing at 8 p.m.

With the \$3,000,000, the board of education plans to construct and equip a junior high and two elementary buildings, purchase school sites, remodel the present junior high for senior high use, refund the 1949 bond issue and pay the first six months' interest on the \$3,000,000 issue.

Despite the record-breaking size of the proposal, it will not raise the present school tax rate, school officials point out. To accomplish this, two of the present levies would be canceled and two others reduced. This would provide seven mills which would be levied for 14 years.

It is expected that eight booths will be set up for voters Monday. There are two proposals upon which a vote must be taken. Proposal 1, which will ask approval of the seven-mill levy, can be voted upon by any registered voter.

Proposal 2, which grants authority for the board of education to sell \$3,000,000 worth of bonds, can be voted upon only by registered voters who are tax-paying property holders. Voters will be required to sign one of two cards when they appear at the poll. One type of card is signed by those who qualify to vote only on Proposal 1. The other type is signed by those qualified to vote on both proposals.

Because of the simplicity of the voting, paper ballots will be used instead of voting machines.

School officials say they are "very optimistic" when they predict that 1,000 people will vote. There are about 7,000 registered voters in the school district—4,600 in the city and 2,100 in the township. There are also eligible voters where the school district extends into other townships.

The proposed bond issue is the result of present overcrowding in the elementary grades and a study of enrollment and population trends. Enrollment in the school system has jumped on the average of 200 per year since 1950.

If the bond issue is approved, the first project will be construction of an elementary school on Sheldon road. This would not be ready until September 1956. Until then, all elementary schools would need to use their libraries and auditoriums for classrooms. (Three are already using their libraries and one is also using its auditorium.)

The second project would be a Continued on Page 8

Race for Township Clerk Post Develops

Mrs. Thomas Range, 4177 Schoolcraft road, will be a Democratic candidate for Plymouth township clerk when the biennial spring election is held April 4, it was learned this week by The Mail.

There were no Democratic nominees for clerk on the primary ballot February 21, but Mrs. Range received three write-in votes. Her Republican opponent on the April 4 ballot will be Norman Miller, the present township clerk. It had previously been reported by The Mail that there would be no contest for township clerk.

Mrs. Range is a part-time employee of the Plymouth office of the Michigan Auto License bureau. Sketches of each candidate in township and city races will appear in next week's edition.

Main Street Bids Now Being Taken

Step No. 1 in the big job of rebuilding Main street from Penniman avenue to Mill street will take place April 7 when city commissioners open bids on the project.

Contractors are now being asked to submit their bids. At a special commission meeting on Thursday, April 7, the bids will be examined by the commission and a decision probably made.

The city's consulting engineer, Herald Hamill, has estimated the cost of the construction at \$140,000. From Penniman to a point 120 feet north of Church street, the pavement will be 44 feet wide. From there northward, it will be 40 feet. It will be wide enough for four lanes of traffic.

Approval of the widening and paving plan took place last October. Since then, detailed plans were drawn up and approval was necessary by the State Highway department and Municipal Finance commission.

Some of the preliminary arrangements have already been completed such as are necessary with the C & O railroad and property owners.

Local Construction Firm Announces Plans for 100-Home Development

Un-springlike Storm Injures One

Fallen limbs and trees, broken windows and at least one injury when a limb crashed through a moving car was the result of Tuesday's high winds which lashed Plymouth along with the rest of the Midwest.

Escaping serious injury and possibly death when a limb five inches in diameter smashed through the windshield of his car was Charles Davis, 9011 Ball street.

Davis was on his way home from work at the Burroughs corporation at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday. He had stopped at a bakery and then continued homeward through a driving rain. While on Harvey street between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail, the limb suddenly smashed through the windshield. It demolished the dashboard and twisted the steering wheel.

Stunned and his clothing torn, Davis jumped from his car and limped to the office of a nearby doctor, found nobody home and walked to a phone booth on Forest avenue where he called police. He was later taken to Sessions hospital in Northville where he was treated for bruises to his hip, hand and knee.

Several large trees and limbs fell during the day. A tree nearly 40 feet tall fell against the Hugh Gardner home, 144 East Pearl street. Although it leaned against six windows, none were broken.

A large limb fell on the home of William Hobson, 264 West Ann Arbor Trail. It ripped the eaves through, broke down a fence and caused water to seep into the home.

A large tree also fell on East Ann Arbor trail west of Harvey. It fell into the street, causing no damage.

The Sunoco service station at Holbrook and Main street had two windows blown out. Estimate of the damage, one a large plate glass on the side of the building and a smaller one in front, was placed at over \$200.

The wind kept the Detroit Edison and Michigan Bell Telephone companies busy. Reports of fallen wires were numerous in the area.

There was also a report that a sudden blast of wind caused a driver to lose control of his car on Hagerty road near Allen school, causing it to go into a ditch.



WHAT HAPPENED when a limb crashed through the windshield of a car driven by Charles Davis, 9011 Ball street, is being examined here by a patrolman shortly after the limb was removed by city workmen. The mishap took place during Tuesday's violent wind-storm.

Commissioners Taking Look at New Site for Garbage-Rubbish Disposal

City commissioners will travel into Salem township this Saturday morning to inspect a possible new site for burying the city's rubbish and garbage—a problem that has been with the commission for nearly two years.

In a report to commissioners at their meeting Monday night, City Manager Albert Glassford said

that the Salem township board is asking neighboring cities of Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Plymouth to dump their rubbish into three unused quarries in the township to eliminate the hazard they cause. Glassford said that the nearest quarry, located on Chubb road, would take years to fill. At present, garbage is being buried in a sanitary land fill north of Junction street beside the city garage, while rubbish is being dumped at \$1 per load in a pit owned by the Schoolcraft Sand & Gravel company on Eckles road. There would be no charge for dumping in the Salem township quarries.

City officials have been attempting for some time to locate a site where rubbish and garbage can be buried at the same time. This would mean that garbage and rubbish could be picked up at the same time from householders and would eliminate an extra tour of the city by pick-up trucks each week.

City's Largest Building Program to Start Soon

One of the few major undeveloped areas inside Plymouth's boundaries will be the site of a 100-unit home construction program, it was announced this week by a local construction firm, Turk & Ramsey, Builders. Cost of the new development will be nearly \$2,000,000.

Located in the city's southeast quarter, it will be bordered by the school district's new junior high school site and by Maplecroft subdivision.

Mrs. Hough To Chairman Spring Ball

Under the direction of General Chairman Mrs. Margaret Hough plans were being made this week for the annual Symphony Spring Ball to be held at the Plymouth high school auditorium Friday, April 15.

Mrs. Hough announced that the Plymouth Symphony Society had again secured the popular Sammy Woolf and his orchestra for the affair. Woolf has performed at two previous Symphony dances and proved highly entertaining and popular with dancers. His orchestra is well known in Detroit night club, TV and radio circles.

The Symphony dances, sponsored by the Society at Christmas and in the spring, have become the social highlights of Plymouth. The events have been particularly well attended by vacationing college students as well as the general public. Dress is optional and dancing continues from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Assisting Mrs. Hough on arrangements are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Draper, Harper Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Besse, Mrs. Charles Humphries, Mrs. Knut Anderson, Miss Hanna Strasen and Miss Hildur Carlson. The decorations committee is headed by Mrs. Ray Hulce who will be helped by Mrs. David Wood, Mrs. Harold Guenther, Mrs. William Congdon, Mrs. M. J. Huber and Mrs. Harrison Moore.

Tickets are available from any committee member as well as members of the Plymouth Symphony Board.

Dry Weather Brings Grass Fire Wave

Dry weather has again brought a wave of grass fires in Plymouth township. Fire Chief Bud Holmes declared this week. As always, the fires were caused by householders who fail to stand by as they burn wastepaper and other rubbish.

Firemen were called out three times last week to extinguish grass fires. The chief pointed out that incinerators of wire especially need close watching because of sparks which easily blow from them. Chief Holmes also reminded citizens that a permit is needed from the fire department to burn large rubbish piles.

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PRINCIPALS OF THE Kiwanis Spring Divisional meeting held at the First Presbyterian church Tuesday evening got together briefly prior to the dinner to discuss the agenda. Above Plymouth Kiwanis President Norman Atchinson, Michigan Governor Robert Cray of Jackson and Division 3 Lt. Governor Rudy Underdown (l. to r.) are pictured shortly before the meeting began. Cray spoke to the 125 Kiwanians on public relations, while Underdown acted as master of ceremonies. Ten clubs of District 3 were represented.

Increasing Attendance Forcing City's Churches to Build

Population gains in the Plymouth area and an apparent trend toward a "return to religion" has prompted nearly every church in the city to start or plan for the construction of additions or entirely new churches.

Two churches are already in the midst of construction work, three others plan to get started this year and seven more hope to begin building within the next few years.

One congregation, Church of the Nazarene, moved into its new church building on East Ann Arbor Trail last year. Next in line are First Baptist and St. Peter's Lutheran churches which are now well into their building programs. Additions to First Presbyterian, Calvary Baptist, and First Methodist church are all expected to get underway this year.

The seven churches hoping to start construction within the next few years are St. John's Episcopal, Church of Christ, Scientist, Riverside Park Church of God, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Assembly of God and Seventh Day Adventist. Like the school system's elementary buildings, Sunday schools are feeling the pinch of increased enrollment. A number of the building programs are designed to increase classroom space for youngsters.

The largest building program currently underway is the new St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church. Builders estimate that the new building under construction at Penniman and Garfield avenues will be completed sometime in June.

Ground was broken for the \$229,000 edifice on August 15 and the cornerstone was laid October 31. The auditorium will seat about 550 people. The basement floor will include an auditorium for social functions, Sunday school rooms, a kitchen and office. The present church is at the eastern end of Spring street.

First Baptist church, located at Mill and Spring streets, started their expansion work two weeks ago by tearing out the rear wall of the building. A false wall has been constructed inside so that services can continue.

A 24-foot extension will be added to the rear of the building. This extension, costing about \$30,000, will enlarge the sanctuary and provide additional classrooms, an office, baptistry and choir room. The interior of the auditorium will also be modernized.

An addition to the First Presbyterian church is scheduled to start within a few weeks. Groundbreaking will take place April 3. The \$150,000 addition on to the rear of the present building will increase Sunday school classrooms to 22, provide a relocated kitchen, an enlarged dining room, a chapel, rehearsal and robing rooms for the choir, an activity room for Scouts and additional storage space.

Dedication ceremonies for the Presbyterian addition are expected in October. Calvary Baptist church on West Ann Arbor Trail has announced its intentions to build a \$50,000 addition onto the present structure. Construction is to get underway sometime this year.

An educational unit 37 by 80 feet is to be constructed east of the present building. The present building is also being remodeled for classrooms and the front of the building changed into a colonial motif.

The official board of First Methodist church has approved conversion of the gymnasium into Sunday school classrooms. Architectural plans are now being drawn to use the upper part of the gym for classrooms while the lower half will be used for a meeting hall. Church gymnasiums, it was found, are no longer being built due to recreational facilities being furnished by public agencies.

It is hoped that this part of the program can be started this year. Meanwhile, church officials are also looking forward to an enlargement of the church auditorium proper. The auditorium now holds about 350 people. An addition would increase this to about 500. The official board now owns the property of Dr. M. W. Hughes beside the parsonage and recently purchased the Bolin property behind the Hughes home. By relocating the parsonage, the church enlargement could be made and parking space provided.

Church officials estimate that by converting the gymnasium in-

stead of constructing a new building, they are able to save \$75,000.

In "perhaps two years," the congregation of St. John's Episcopal church may start construction on a new church on Sheldon road. A site has already been purchased on which a parsonage was constructed two years ago.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic church has a committee now discussing plans for a new church. The present building is much too small for permanent church use and would be used for other purposes. The Reverend Father Francis Byrne said that construction may be started as soon as next year.

The Christian Science church of Plymouth has purchased a building site for its new church. It is the Walter Kellogg Sumner home at 1078 West Ann Arbor trail. There have been no definite building aims set by the membership.

Hopes of building a church of their own in several years are being expressed by members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. A committee has been formed to

develop a program. The congregation has been holding services in the Masonic Temple for the past few years.

Plymouth Assembly of God, located on East Ann Arbor Trail, has developed a building fund to construct an addition for Sunday School facilities. The membership contemplates construction next year.

Seventh Day Adventists are also among the congregations wanting to construct a new church. Services are now held in the IOOF hall. There are no definite plans as to where or when a building can be constructed.

Members of the Riverside Park Church of God, located at Plymouth and Newburg roads, are actively engaged in building fund work right now. The building fund campaign opened last month. Tentative plans call for a new chapel to be added to the present building.

The Salvation Army is among the few churches not planning any expansion. The present Citadel was constructed only a few years ago and is large enough for present needs.



ONE HUNDRED homes mean a lot of building ahead for Kenneth Ramsey, left, who shows a plat of the development to James Lature, local real estate agent who will sell the homes. The development was announced this week by Turk & Ramsey, Builders.