

Post Office to Get \$280,000 Improvement

1st Polio Clinic Opening Next Thursday Night

Two low-cost polio prevention clinics are being established in Plymouth this month as part of the county-wide program to fight the polio epidemic that has now claimed over 600 victims in Wayne County. Sixteen have died.

Next Thursday, Oct. 9, and Friday, Oct. 17 are the dates set for the two local clinics.

The clinics will be from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., both at the Plymouth Community Junior High School on Mill St. The clinics are for Plymouth city and township residents.

Canton Township residents can obtain their Salk polio vaccine shots at the Canton Township Hall on October 10 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Northville city and township's clinics will be Oct. 9 and Oct. 15, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Northville Community Center.

Cost of each vaccination is \$1. If the person feels that he is unable to afford the shot, health authorities will accept any donation. No one will be turned away for lack of ability to pay.

Plymouth's Junior Chamber of Commerce is assisting with the program by offering free transportation to and from the clinics for anyone who cannot provide their own. At the times that the clinics are held, residents can phone GL 3-9766 for transportation.

Cooperating in the effort are the Wayne County Health Department, Wayne County Medical Society and local physicians. Dr. Lee E. Feldkamp is city health officer.

Even if residents have one or two polio shots, they can obtain their second or third at the clinics. There are three shots in the series. Booster shots for those having the complete series are not recommended by the Health Department.

Another clinic will be set up a month from these first two and the third shot will be received at a clinic at the end of six months.

Anyone can get polio, according to Dr. Joseph G. Molner, Detroit County Health director. Of the more than 600 cases in the county, Herman Keifer Hospital has a three-week-old infant and a 62-year-old man. There is an alarming number of paralytic cases.

The Wayne County Chapter of the March of Dimes has given 100,000 shots of polio vaccine to get the program started. It is expected to be used up rapidly and the money taken in at the centers will be used to buy additional vaccine.

The county chapter is also spending \$6,500 for the purchase of needles, syringes and other supplies.

Nurses who wish to volunteer services for the clinics should phone city hall.

Parade, Contest Highlighting Fire Prevention Week

National Fire Prevention Week opens this Sunday and another big program that will draw fire-fighting equipment from seven departments will be in town for a parade next-Thursday.

Plymouth Township and City fire departments are again cooperating in a program to acquaint adults and children with the dangers of fire by displaying equipment, sponsoring a fire inspection, booth contest, slogan contest and essay contest.

Next Thursday's parade will begin at 7 p.m. with departments from Superior, Canton, Salem and Plymouth Townships.

Livonia, Detroit House of Correction, Northville and Plymouth city taking part.

Co-chairmen of the week-long observance are Captain Lawrence Maas of the Plymouth Township and Inspector Paul Sanders of the city.

Besides the parade next Thursday night, firemen will take part in a water contest. Last year high pressure water was squirted at a large ball for a type of polo. This year a barrel strung on a cable will be the target.

Firemen from the Plymouth departments and Canton Township will and Plymouth Townships.

Contest for Hula Hoopers Starts at 10 Saturday

This Saturday morning at 10 o'clock is the time — the time, that is, that half of the kids and many of the adults of Plymouth will be in Kellogg Park to take part and watch the Hula Hoop Contest.

Plymouth Merchants are offering merchandise prizes to winners of the age brackets. Winners will be determined on the time that they can keep the hoop around their middle section.

The five age brackets are: Middlets (age 6 and under); Juniors (7-12), Teens (13-18), Seniors (19-60), and Young at Hearts, (61 and up).

The contest is being sponsored by the Retail Merchants Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and The Plymouth Mail.

Oh yes, don't forget to bring your own hoop.



THESE YOUNG and pretty Plymouth High School students are taking part in this Friday's Homecoming Queen festivities. One of the four seniors will be selected as queen. The other three seniors and the three lower classmen will be on the court. The queen will be announced at the football game with Redford Union and she

will be crowned at the dance afterward. The girls were selected on the basis of their leadership ability. From left are: Pat Bowlby, senior; Mavis Williams, junior; Bette Argo, senior; Michelle Hepler, sophomore; Mary Jane West, senior; Carolyn Scott, freshman; and Mer Palmer, senior.

Four Compete for Queen Title

Something For All at Homecoming

By Gloria Bowles
The red carpet treatment will be extended to townspeople and Plymouth High School alumni tomorrow, October 3 — the date scheduled for Homecoming, 1958 at Plymouth High School.

A tea for parents of football players, a bonfire at 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m. parade, the 8 o'clock football game pitting Plymouth against Redford Union, and the crowning of the 1958-59 Homecoming Queen are the activities in which Plymouthites may take part.

Co-chairmen for the event are senior Mer Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mavis Williams, both Student Council officers appointed by that group to supervise plans for the celebration. Both girls emphasized the close cooperation between school and community leaders. Committees worked closely with City Manager Al Glassford.

NEWS BEAT

Whitewashing of peppy slogans on sidewalks, a traditional prelude to the PHS Homecoming game, is again taking place this week. A year ago The Mail photographed two lovely young girls whitewashing the sidewalk in front of the newspaper office. All we can say is that we wish we had the formula for producing that whitewash — it's still there.

FIRE BUSINESS: City firemen had to run their trucks in the rain and through mud Tuesday behind the high school to extinguish a fire in a large hollow elm tree. Boys had started the fire. Fire Chief Robert McAllister was re-elected director of the Great Lakes Division of the International Fire Chiefs Association at the convention in Los Angeles. Re-election to the office is a rarity. Many people were attracted last Thursday night to Mill St. where a huge blaze was seen. Firemen were burning up old timbers from the demolished part of the Markham Building.

FIRST AID: An advanced first aid course for anyone in the Plymouth area will be held at City Fire Station No. 2 starting Tuesday, Oct. 14. Those interested should call the fire station before the starting date.

HEARING DELAYED: The law suit involving the Daisy Manufacturing Profit Sharing Fund has had an Oct. 3 hearing postponed until an indefinite date. Former Daisy employees will be notified by letter of the date. About half of the shares have been paid and the rest will come after the case filed by a former employee is settled.

PAY RAISE: One of Plymouth's teachers called us to report that the new \$100 pay raise will result in a total "take-home" paycheck increase of \$1.15 every two weeks. "I don't know who I'm bitter with," said the teacher, "whether it's the schools or the Income Tax people... but isn't that something?"

POLICE BEAT: A Hamiltons were promptly removed from St. woman saw two boys climbing over the Daisy Manufacturing fence Monday blotter this week and one with boxed air rifles. After resident reports some apple seeing her, they dropped the guns and ran. Police contacted a watchman who said that the air rifles came from a small shed and that he didn't even know there was anything stored there. The con-

ceremonies at the dance in the gymnasium following the game.
Elected by their respective classes to the court two weeks ago were freshman Carolyn Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Scott of Evergreen; sophomore Michelle Hepler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mathias L. Hepler of Gilbert; and junior Mavis Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Williams of Brookline.

The parade will begin at 7:15. Leading the march through town will be the varsity cheerleaders and majorettes and band, followed by the senior float on which the four queen candidates will ride, and three convertibles bearing class representatives.
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An \$837,000 plan financed jointly by the federal government and the city of Plymouth to redevelop several blocks of residential property and perhaps the Daisy Manufacturing property for industrial use was presented to the city commission at a special meeting Monday night.

Vilican-Leman & Associates, Detroit planning consultants hired by the commission several months ago to study an Urban Renewal plan for Plymouth, presented a 21-page report on the city's possible participation in the rehabilitation program sponsored by the federal government.

As a result of the report, the commission authorized the planning consultant to "make a reservation of funds" with the Urban Renewal Administration.

Urban Renewal, an unfamiliar government agency to most people, was established by Congress in 1949 to help cities eliminate and redevelop slum and blighted areas which have little hope of improving by itself.

Because the federal government realized that cities could not finance the program themselves, the federal government will pay two-thirds of the cost of a program while the local government pays one-third. Detroit has been clearing its blighted areas with the aid of Urban Renewal, along with other communities in the metropolitan area. Wayne is now getting a program underway.

Appearing before the commission Monday was George Vilican who, by using a map, pointed out five areas which could possibly qualify for federal funds. He recommended that one project be investigated first — a strip along the west side of Mill St. from the Bathey Manufacturing plant (not included) southward possibly as far as Fairground St.

The project could also possibly go westward to include the vacant Daisy Manufacturing property. To purchase the land and buildings in this area, level them and prepare the sites for re-sale, Vilican estimates the cost to be \$837,000.

It is estimated that the land could be re-sold for \$415,000. This leaves a net cost of \$425,000. Of this amount, the federal government would contribute two-thirds and the city would need to contribute a third.

The planning consultant recommended that the property be re-sold for industrial use since there are already industries in the area and because it backs up to the railroad.

There were many questions from commissioners and visitors concerning the plan.

Commissioner Richard Wernette said that he was concerned about what would happen to the 21 families in the proposed project. He said that law requires the city to find another residence for them and that he was certain that taxpayers would not want to pay rent for these people until they become permanently established.

Vilican answered that for (Continued on Page 6)

Local Architect's Plans To Double Work Space

A badly-needed addition to the Plymouth Post Office and other improvements to the present building — all costing an estimated \$280,000 — were announced this week in Washington by Senator Charles Potter and in Plymouth by Postmaster George Timpona.

The major part of the project will be an addition to the rear of the present building that will more than double the floor space.

Other projects will include opening of an entrance to the rear of the building from Fralick Ave., redecorating the present building and installing new lighting fixtures and wiring.

The firm of Wheeler and Becker, Architects, has been awarded the contract to draw up plans and specifications for the improvements. Byron Becker of Plymouth was in Chicago last week to receive the contract and other information necessary to proceed with drawings.

Becker said that the addition itself will cost around \$200,000. It will be a large room added to the rear of the present work room and will include a new loading dock.

Drawings must be completed by January 14 and bids for construction will be awarded in July. The construction and other improvements are expected to take six months.

The General Service Administration is in charge of making the improvements.

Plymouth's Post Office, built in 1936, has long been in need of additional

City, Township Estimates Of Population Made

Plymouth Township now has a population of 6,900 and the City of Plymouth has 8,700, according to estimates made by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission.

The Regional Planning Commission makes population estimates each July 1 and this week announced that the greater Detroit area has increased its population by 353,721 since the 1950 census.

In 1950, Plymouth Township's population was 4,945. Today the commission estimates it at 6,900, or a 1,955 increase (39.5 percent). They also say that the township's occupied dwelling units have increased in number from 1,090 in 1950 to 1,780 today.

Plymouth city's population has increased by 2,063 (31.1 percent). This is an increase of 2,012 dwelling units in the city eight years ago numbered 2,650 (31.7 percent).

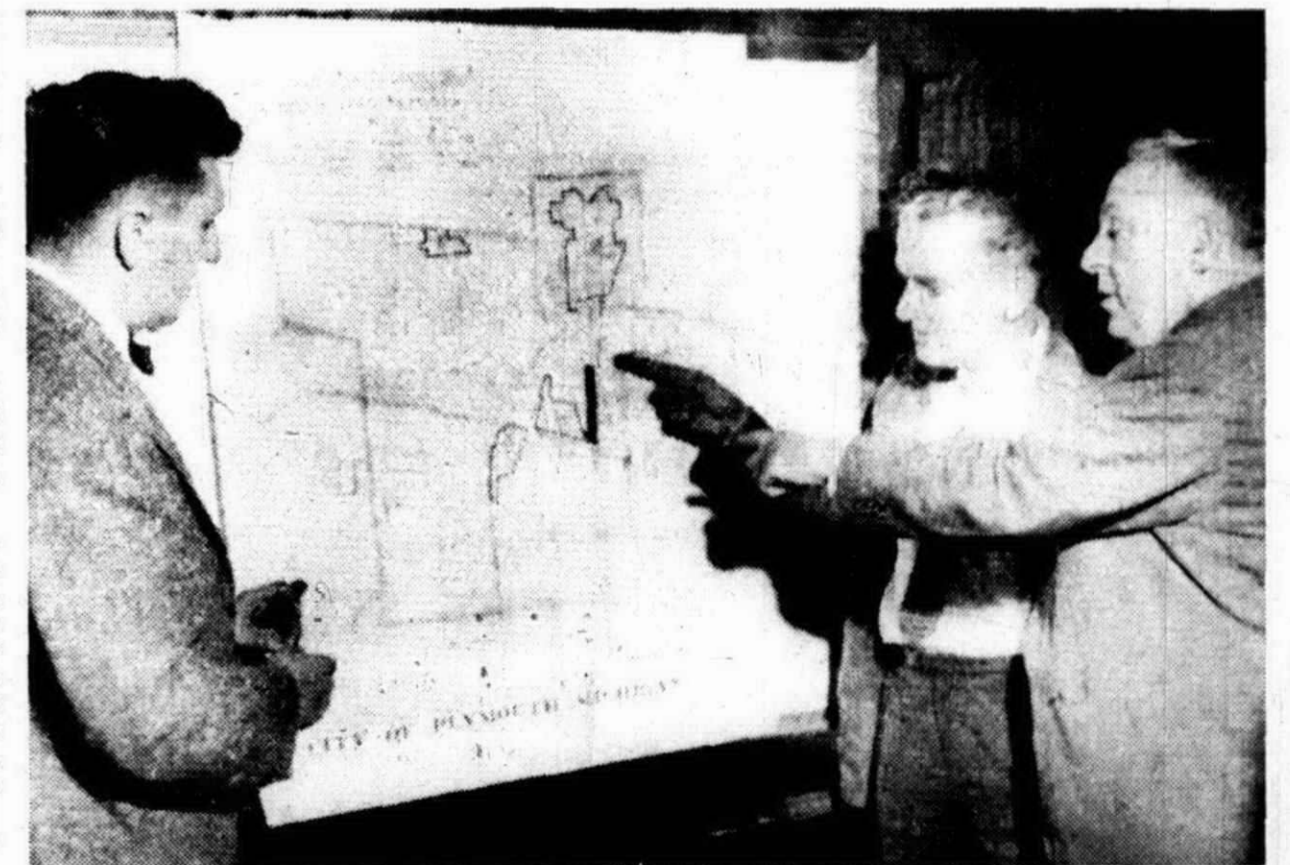
Canton Township has an estimated population of 5,100, the report states, while eight years ago it was 3,761. Occupied dwelling units in Canton have increased from 1,051 to 1,430.

Salem Township's population has increased from 1,525 to 2,200; dwelling units from 431 to 600.

Northville Township has increased population from 4,184 to 7,600; dwelling units from 586 to 860.

Northville city population has increased from 3,217 to 3,800; dwelling units from 989 to 1,140.

\$837,000 Urban Renewal Program Offered



GEORGE VILICAN, left, planning consultant, is shown answering questions from two citizens who attended Monday night's city commission meeting dealing with the proposed Urban Renewal program for Plymouth. Roy Pursell, right, and Stewart Dodge, point out some areas being considered.

Local Woman Shot in Face But Gun Is Still Missing

A Plymouth woman who was shot in the face last Saturday night is improving in University Hospital in Ann Arbor but the explanation of who shot her remains a mystery.

She is Mrs. Joseph Little, Jr., 555 Starkweather. Her husband who was the only person with her in the car during the shooting, is being held for questioning.

The shooting took place in Northville on Main St. near the Ford Valve Plant. Little, who is a truck driver for a racing stable at Northville, had denied knowledge of the

shooting to Northville police and State Police.

A slug from a .38 caliber revolver entered the left cheek of the woman and came out by her right ear. Although Mrs. Little is out of danger, she has been unable to make a statement.

Little emphatically denies that he knows how the shooting took place. He admits struggling with his wife during an argument in the car. Police say that it is possible that the two were grappling with a gun and it accidentally went off. There is the remote possibility that the shot came from a sniper.

Little says that he drove his wife to Atchinson Hospi-

tal in Northville right after he saw that she was hit. Hospital authorities immediately summoned an ambulance and a doctor accompanied the woman with her husband to Ann Arbor.

Most baffling is the absence of the gun. Police have not located the gun. They have even searched the nearby streams and are to check sewers.

A Northville tavern owner said that the two had been drinking there earlier but were not drunk.

Little was brought to Plymouth's jail since Northville has no jail. He is still being retained.