

5 Mill Sinking Fund Asked for School

Supervisors May 'Take Back' Training School

It appears that the State of Michigan and Wayne County will operate separate institutions for disturbed children near Plymouth for some time to come, should a resolution be approved by the Wayne County Board of Supervisors that will be introduced next Wednesday.

Al Barbour, a supervisor board appointee and president of the Wayne County AFL-CIO, will introduce a resolution asking that the supervisors rescind previous action that offered to convey the Wayne County Training School north of Plymouth to the State of Michigan.

George Witkowski, the City of Plymouth's supervisor and chairman of the Wayne County Training School Committee, said this week that the resolution stands a good chance of being approved.

The Board of Supervisors took action in 1953, 1956 and again in 1958 offering the \$20 million facility to the state. The offers were made mainly because of the critical financial condition of the county.

Already given to the state has been 250 acres upon which the first unit of the Plymouth State Home and Training School has been built. It received its first patients last month. The two institutions are side-by-side along Sheldon Rd.

But now that the State Department of Mental Health has set a target of July 1, county supervisors are beginning to change their minds.

Those now opposing the transfer argue that the institution under state operation would not be able to accommodate certain types of children now being maintained by the county.

But also of great concern is the future status of present County Training School employees. For one thing, the pay scale for state jobs is not as high as the comparable job under the county scale.

The last meeting of the supervisor committee, the Training School Administrative Board and the Board of Auditors was called by Witkowski on March 25. During the meeting, Dr. Pasquale Buonicontio, medical superintendent of the Training School, said that the morale of the employees was an important consideration since

Atchinson Leaves Auto Dealership

Norman "Dutch" Atchinson, partner in the Pontiac dealership of Berry & Atchinson since 1946, has left the firm, it was announced this week, and the new corporation will be known as Berry Pontiac, Inc.

Ross L. Berry will be president of the company and Jim Edelbrock has acquired financial interest and will become secretary-treasurer. Elderbrock has been with Berry & Atchinson eight years and will continue in his capacity of sales manager.

Atchinson will join his father, Harry Atchinson, in the real estate business in Northville.

Berry Pontiac announced that the same service will be continued and that personnel in all departments will remain the same. The firm also sells the Vauxhall.

Fire Hits Apartment

Two men who moved into an apartment at 208 S. Main St. Monday got an unwelcome housewarming the same night.

Firemen answered a call at 10:20 p.m. from the Jolliffe Apartment and found it filled with smoke. They entered the building with air packs and threw a burning sofa chair out a window. It had apparently started from a cigarette, Assistant Chief George Schoeneman said. The fire had started to burn through the floor.

The two occupants, Douglas Rowe and David Farmer, had left for the evening.

this factor could affect treatment of children. It was reported that 20 employees had transferred from the school within the past 30 days.

The committee voted to have a survey made to determine exactly the level and type of services now being rendered by the Training School in relation to meeting the specialized training and educational needs of the mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed children.

Dr. Buonicontio reported that the McGregor Foundation may be able to provide funds to make this survey. County auditors declared that the county budget could provide the funds.

John W. Dr. Buonicontio, an AFL-CIO representative, disclosed that there was a "very considerable anxiety" feeling of insecurity among employees of

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Girl Hit By Concrete Shows Improvement

A nine-year-old girl is showing improvement after suffering a depressed skull fracture when struck in the head last week by a piece of concrete.

She is Ann Marie Gadebusch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hans H. Gadebusch, 1211 Sheridan.

Police said that Ann was playing "war" with her brother Mark, 7, and other children when the incident happened late Thursday. The children were playing around a hut located beside the home of Dr. Ensign Clyde, 1246 Sheridan.

Ann had been "captured" when her brother picked up a piece of concrete and threw it.

Knocked unconscious, she was rushed to University Hospital in Ann Arbor where she underwent an operation. She is reported progressing satisfactorily.

NEWS BEAT

City Patrolman Calvin Brown "went fishing" last week while on duty and no one had anything but praise for his actions. Mrs. Ernest Thrall, 288 Irving, called police when a hen pheasant smashed through a sunporch window. Patrolman Brown arrived, looked at the situation, and scurried back to City Hall and his own parked car. From it he grabbed a fish landing net. Brown and Patrolman Henry Smith went back to the Thrall home where Brown skillfully landed the elusive bird. "How did it taste?" everyone asks Brown as he relates the story. But the patrolman, in sportsman-like manner, turned the pheasant loose at the front door — minus a handful of feathers.

ON ITS WAY: The City of facturing, south to the rail-Plymouth's urban renewal program has been certified for another year—meaning that the government still is giving it active consideration. The Chicago office has given its final OK and now the application is in Washington. The proposed renewal program includes a strip along the west side of Mill St., from Bathey Manu-

HOT TIME: Thirteen fire runs in one week kept the Plymouth Township Fire Department hopping last week. Ten of the 13 were grass fires, set by careless burning of rubbish. Five of the alarms came on Wednesday. Besides the grass fires, there was one due to an overheated space heater, one resuscitator run and another to assist Canton Township.



AN INVITATION to Hawaii, New York, Jamaica and the Great Lakes is being made to Plymouth people as the Chamber of Commerce opened its booster campaign this week. Pictured is Rowland Bonamici, a member of the planning committee. Details can be found at most local stores.

Chamber Boosters Complete

Free Trips for 12

With the theme of "Going Places with Plymouth," the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce this week kicked off a campaign that will carry a dozen people to such far-away places as Hawaii, Jamaica and New York City.

And there will be others shuffling off to Buffalo with free weekend cruises.

Every person in Plymouth is being given a chance to become a booster of the Chamber through the campaign.

The Chamber, financed through donations of participating merchants, industries and professional men, has also benefited the individuals who live here.

To give the individual a chance to become a booster of the Chamber and still not be required

to pay a full membership fee, the Chamber is sponsoring the "Going Places with Plymouth" promotion.

By making a booster contribution of \$1, one becomes eligible to compete for the half dozen trips-for-two. The trips are expense-free.

The booster awards are:

1. Vacation for two with one week in Hawaii.
2. Vacation for two with one week in Jamaica.
3. Two show trips for two to New York.

4. Two weekend cruises for two to Buffalo.

The vacations and trips can be taken at the convenience of the winners, the booster committee announced. Money will not be given in lieu of trips. All except the Buffalo trips are by plane.

Winners of the trips will be announced during the July 4 program in Plymouth.

Both Hawaii and Jamaica are fast becoming favorite vacation spots for Americans. Most of those who visit the na-

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Township, City Talk Over Offer of Water

Representatives of the Township and City of Plymouth will soon get together to discuss terms and conditions under which the City would sell water to the Township for a 17-home project proposed by the Garling Construction Co.

The Township Board voted at its meeting last week to contact the City concerning the offer. City Commissioners received the letter at their meeting Monday night and instructed City Manager Albert Glassford to prepare the information and present it to Township authorities.

Garling would like to erect 17 homes along Park Entrance Drive in Plymouth Township, but there is no water available. Actually, they want to build an entire subdivision on 20 acres in an area that sits in both the City and Township. But present sewer restrictions permit only 17 homes.

A Garling attorney, F.J. Keppen, appeared before the Township Board in March to get the Board's approval for using City water, but the

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White Cane Purchase Gives Lift to Blind

Plymouth Lions Club members—in conjunction with White Cane Week now in progress—will be out in force Friday and Saturday selling White Cane tags here to aid the blind.

With their sights set on a goal of \$2,500, more than 30 local Lions will kick-off their 1960 White Cane tag drive here at 10 a.m. Friday morning.

They will campaign from strategic locations throughout the city and will repeat their efforts the following day.

Wives of Plymouth Lions will conduct a separate portion of the local drive on Thursday when they open a White Cane display booth at Wonderland Regional Shopping Center in Livonia.

Biggest portion of the proceeds from the tag sale will

Pay-As-You-Go Method Offered

A new five-mill, five-year "building and site sinking fund" that would be able to finance new school construction on a pay-as-you-go basis without costly interest will be proposed to voters at the June 13 annual school election.

The Board of Education decided at a special meeting last Wednesday night to put a sinking fund levy on the ballot, instead of the bond issue that is customarily used for major construction projects.

Last November voters turned down two separate bond issues totaling \$4,500,000. Since that time, the Board has been busy trying to work out a new program that they felt would be more acceptable.

Based on estimated assessed valuations, the five mill sinking fund levy would raise around \$2,500,000 over a period of five years. The major project planned for this money would be a classroom unit of a new junior high school.

The building would be constructed on a 17-acre site just purchased. It is located on the southwest corner of Sheldon and N. Territorial Roads.

Just the classroom portion and perhaps the gymnasium would be constructed first, the Board announced. The architectural firm of Bennett & Straight has been hired to draw up preliminary plans and will have a sketch of the proposed building in time for voters to view it before election time.

The classroom portion may be of two-story construction, although new rigid regulations of the State Fire Marshal's office have caused the cost of two-story building to soar.

Voters will have two separate levies facing them on the June 13 ballot. At their regular meeting on April 11, the Board decided to put a one-mill levy on the ballot for operating expenses. The bulk of this levy would be used for pay raises for all school employees.

Should both the five mill sinking fund levy and one mill operating levy be approved, the total tax millage being paid for school use would be 23.42.

At present, the school millage is 21.07 (\$21.07 per \$1,000 of valuation). The net increase in taxes would therefore be \$2.35 per \$1,000 of valuation.

The net increase of 2.35 mills is accomplished by:

1. Eliminating a 2.5 mill building and site sinking fund that was approved for a five-year period in 1957.
2. By eliminating a 1.15 mill bond retirement levy. The 1952 bond issue has now been paid off.

It was the Fact Finding Committee of the School Community Planning Group that has been pushing hard for a sinking fund to build new schools, instead of issuing bonds.

According to estimates, the "pay-as-you-go" method of financing would save the school district some \$540,000 over a period of five years. This would just about finance construction of a new elementary building.

It is estimated that the first unit of the proposed new junior high school could be constructed for well under \$1,000,000. In order to have this amount available, at the time of construction, the Board would "borrow ahead" on the anticipated five mill building and site sinking fund revenue for two years.

Law gives school boards permission to borrow ahead on anticipated taxes. The interest cost of

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Grand prize winner of the Plymouth Optimist Club's Bicycle Rodeo Saturday will ride home on this brand new Evans bicycle. Getting a sneak preview at the big prize recently were these two youngsters, shown with Bill Baumgartner, chairman of the 1960 Rodeo. At left is Byron Jennings, 9, while Baumgartner's 8-year-old daughter, Shirley, sits hopefully on the new bike. The Rodeo, to be held at the High School athletic field, will begin at 1 p.m.

Young Bicyclists Show Off Riding Skills at Rodeo

More than 200 Plymouth youngsters, ranging from first to sixth graders, are expected to take part in the Plymouth Optimist Club's annual Bike Rodeo this year, a

club spokesman said this week. The 1960 Bike Rodeo here, featuring an Evans bicycle as grand prize, will be conducted this Saturday afternoon (April 23) at the Plymouth High School athletic field.

It will start at 1 p.m. The program will include a bicycle inspection and numerous bicycle-riding events. All Plymouth grade school pupils are eligible to participate.

Held in connection with Bicycle Safety Week, which ended recently, the

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Dogs Offered New Leash On Life in Class

There's a saying that "a dog reflects the intelligence of his master." And anyone who likes dogs has been conscious of that big brown-eyed look that seems to say, "Sure boss, I want to do right, but it's up to you to teach me."

For those who may have had this feeling, but don't know how to go about training their dog, the Adult Education Department will start a course on dog obedience starting Monday, May 2 and continuing through June 20.

Mrs. Eva Crone will conduct the class in "pooch education." Classes will be every Monday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the tennis court behind the High School. Registration for the six-week course will take place between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Adult Education office, phone GL 3-1000.



STUDENTS IN Plymouth's public and parochial elementary schools learned how dogs are trained for seeing-eye duty from a man who should know—Jim Anderson, left, an instructor at Leader Dog for the Blind, Rochester. Anderson took a seeing-eye