

Hulburt Points Out Injustice Of Prison Decision

Says Commissary Profits Spent For Good Purposes

Harry Hulburt recent Kiwanis club speaker in Plymouth, in an interview yesterday with The Plymouth Mail, branded as astute the action recently taken by the state prison commissary in abolishing the inmate store at Jackson.

"It is one of the many backward steps that have been taken in recent years in the conduct of our state prisons," declared Mr. Hulburt, who won for himself the reputation of being one of the best prison wardens Michigan ever had as well as one of the strictest in handling inmates during the many years he has been in charge of the biggest prison in Michigan.

"In 1918 when I took over the operation of Jackson prison at the urgent request of Governor Sleeper, I found that Warden Simpson had used a thousand dollars of his own money to start a little inmate store where prisoners could buy cigarettes and similar articles that we permitted them to have.

"In 1919 in the scope of the commissary department was broadened somewhat and officers and guards at the prison who were somewhat pressed financially were allowed to make some purchases at the store. They were extended credit they couldn't get elsewhere. Everyone knows that the state has never paid prison guards and officers even a fair wage and naturally they couldn't get credit for some of the things they wanted to buy outside so they were given this opportunity at the prison.

"We fixed the prices on the few articles we sold so that there would be a ten percent profit. Where did this profit go, you ask. Well, we took it and used it to bury the bodies of the men who died in prison instead of sending their bodies down to the University for student uses.

"We ran this store at a net loss to the state and the funds paid for it were legal. The attorney general's office was asked to carefully go over the matter, and they said it was right and proper under the laws of Michigan.

"At that time the guards had no uniforms. The band had no uniforms and only a few old instruments. Well, by handling this little prison store as we did, we made enough money to buy uniforms for the guards, buy instruments and uniforms for the band, pay the expenses of bringing baseball teams to the prison, paid for such entertainment as they thought they should have, paid for five motion picture machines and the films as well as many other things.

"Mind you, not a cent of this money came out of the pockets of the taxpayers, it was made by selling little stuff at the prison store.

"Rev. Hopp, who was prison chaplain at that time, used some of the profits for welfare work among the families of the men. He bought for them and he clothed their little boys and girls who were cold. No one will ever know the vast amount of good this man did among the innocent sufferers from the wrong doing of others. We know that his work with money he used from the profits of this little prison store had much to do with the complete reformation of many men who left the prison to go home to their families and find out the good that the prison had done for them out of the little profits from this store.

"This store interfered with no one as it didn't take any business away from any one—and it did a world of good. Every dollar of its profit went to the aid of worthy inmates and their families. Of course what I am talking about, is during the time when the store was run, the good it was doing. Certainly citizens and business men who kick on the operations of a place like the prison store, would oppose anything, I'm surprised to find even some of the state officials agreeing that the place should be closed.

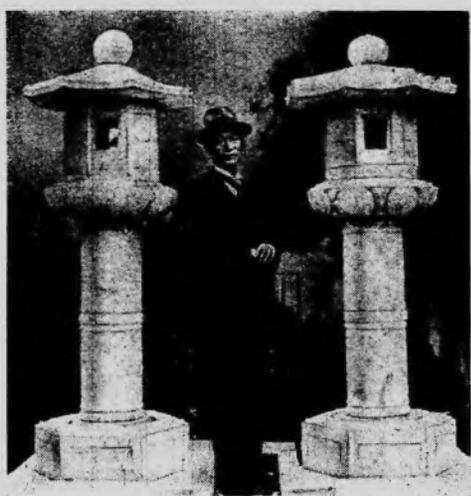
"Well its money that will have to come from the taxpayers, but I doubt if the good work that has been done in former years will be or even has been carried on," said Mr. Hulburt.

The former prison warden, who resigned his position to go into business in Detroit has long been regarded as one of the most efficient prison officials Michigan ever had. He didn't believe in coddling prisoners and the inmates had respected him more because of the good he did in just such ways as indicated by his interview pertaining to the prison commissary.

In Marine Hospital

William Garrett, owner of the Penniman avenue barber shop, is in Marine hospital in Detroit where he will undergo an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Garrett has not been in the best of health for some time. He left Monday for the hospital to have an examination made and it was discovered that he was suffering from chronic appendicitis.

Japan's Homage to T. A. Edison



RENZO SAWADA, consul general of Japan, is pictured with the two huge stupa lanterns of oriental design which he presented, as a memorial from Japan to Thomas Alva Edison, America's greatest electrical wizard, at the Edison library and laboratory in West Orange, N. J., where the famous inventor spent the major part of his life. More than 50 years ago Edison utilized Japanese bamboo for filaments in his early experiments with the incandescent lamp. The lanterns, each more than six feet high and weighing more than 4,200 pounds, express the Japanese equivalent of the western conception of an "eternal light."

Blunk Bros Big Winter Sale Is Now Under Way

Bargains Galore Offered To Shoppers During This Month

Announcement is made in this issue of The Plymouth Mail of the annual mid-winter sale of Blunk Bros. store, which is now under way and which promises to be by far the biggest and most successful one ever conducted in the history of this fast growing department store.

In every department, from basement to the furniture department, slashes of price have been made that will appeal to the most careful of buyers.

"Don't pay big city prices—buy here and save the difference," the slogan of Blunk Bros. store that has time and time been proven true, is reflected in the advertisements of this sale.

Dresses, dress goods, men's and women's clothing, children's clothing, furniture, electrical appliances, ruga, white goods, hose, linoleum, underwear, silk, woolen and cotton dress materials, everything one might expect to find in an up-to-date store, is offered at the biggest mid-winter sale the Blunk Bros. store has ever conducted.

Judge Jefferies Here Monday Eve

All arrangements have been completed for the Townsend mass meeting to be held Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the First Baptist church when Judge Jefferies of Detroit will come to Plymouth to speak. Chairman William Stimpson says he believes there will be an unusually large crowd because of interest that has been manifested in the movement since the announcement was made in The Mail that Judge Jefferies will be the speaker at their first big meeting here. Mr. Hopp, at Pinton, 986 Church street, a former resident of Westland, is greatly interested in the Townsend movement and he states that the local supporters of the plan hope to have the church filled Monday evening.

Finger Printing Blanks Are Here

Chief of Police Vaughn Smith has received a large number of fingerprint forms to be used in fingerprinting any one who is desirous of having their prints made a part of a permanent public record. The work can be done here at the city hall without cost to the individual, states Chief Smith.

The value of permanent fingerprint records has been made evident more than once in recent years and those who know of its value will be pleased over the information that these valuable records can be made at the Plymouth city hall without cost.

Public Invited To Installation

Wednesday evening, January 15, is going to be an important time for members of Tonquish lodge, No. 32, and Rebekah lodge, No. 182, IOOF as it is the date of the installation of the new officers of the organizations. The event will take place at the Mayflower hotel, beginning at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

The new officers who are to be installed, follow: Tonquish Lodge, No. 32, IOOF. Archie Collins, noble grand; William Tegg, vice grand; Louis Westfall, recording secretary; Earl G. Gray, financial secretary; Ernest Houseman, treasurer; Plymouth Rebekah Lodge, No. 182.

Ella Knapp, noble grand; Hazel Roach, vice grand; Blanche Collins, recording secretary; Liddle Drews, financial secretary; Minnie Ray, treasurer.

C. A. Hearn, district deputy, grand master, Florence Kline, district deputy, president of the Rebekahs and their staffs will be on hand to install the officers of these lodges.

Walter Anderson And Miss Badger Wedded

The wedding of Walter Anderson, well known Plymouth resident, and Miss Marie Badger, took place Thursday evening, January 9 at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rambo on the Arbor road. Rev. Walter Nichol officiating, Russell Powell and Miss Ione Kelley of Ann Arbor were attendants of the bridal couple. Only intimate friends and relatives were present at the wedding, but a host of friends of the young people attended the reception and dance at the Idyl Wyld golf club house following the wedding ceremonies.

Walter Anderson will make their home in Plymouth, where both have lived many years and are well known.

Frank Barrows Wins Promotion

The many friends of Frank L. Barrows will be pleased to know of the well merited promotion he has received at the hands of his employer, the Kelvinator Corporation of Detroit. Mr. Barrows has been appointed assistant to the general manager of the Leonard Refrigerator Company of Grand Rapids. This company is an important subsidiary of the Kelvinator Corporation, and Mr. Barrows is very familiar with all Leonard activities.

Mr. Barrows was brought to Plymouth in 1919 as production manager of the Markham Air Rifle Company, in which capacity he has served for eight years. In 1927 he accepted a position as one of the engineers at Kelvinator, and has steadily advanced in his ability and usefulness there. He has earned the recognition that has come to him and his Plymouth friends rejoice with him in his success. He has already entered upon his duties in Grand Rapids. It is expected that Mrs. Barrows and Phyllis will be leaving in the near future and the family will be located in a new home in Grand Rapids. They will be very greatly missed by the many who have come to know them during the years they have lived in Plymouth.

Veterans State First Presbyterian Church Commander Will Be City's Guest

R. J. VandenBerghe To Speak Monday Night. All Are Welcome

Monday evening, January 13, at 7:30 o'clock Plymouth will have the honor of welcoming Roland J. VandenBerghe, state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who is coming to Plymouth to give an address upon "Americanization from the Stand Point of War Veterans."

He is coming to Plymouth as the result of the urgent request of the members of the Ex-Service Men's club of this city.

They have made arrangements to have the address delivered in the large Jewell & Blainch hall and a general invitation is extended to the public to come and hear his talk.

Members of the American Legion and the Auxiliary as well as the posts of all Veterans of Foreign Wars in this part of the state are invited.

Harry Hunter, the newly elected commander of the Ex-Service Men's club will preside at the meeting. The other new officers of the club are Michael McMahon, vice commander; Arne Thompson, secretary, and Carl Blainch, treasurer.

State Commander VandenBerghe went overseas in the beginning of the World war and was one of the last to be returned from northern Russia where he was stationed with the Polar Bears. He has been one of the most active workers in Michigan in connection with the bonus bill that he will have some direct word about the present standing of this legislation in Washington.

Mr. VandenBerghe, a former resident of Kalamazoo and Battle Creek, is now located in Detroit and is giving all of his time to veteran affairs.

For the members of the Ex-Service Men and the Auxiliary members, a dinner at 8:30 will precede the public meeting, which starts at 7:30 o'clock.

Silver Wedding Is Celebrated

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Horvath were delightfully surprised at a party given in honor of their silver wedding anniversary, which they celebrated on December 19. The party given the following Saturday so as not to arouse any suspicion, was planned by their children and many friends in Detroit and Plymouth. It was held in a hall in Detroit, rented for that purpose.

They had been asked to attend a party given for some other friends but it was not long before they discovered it was for them. Both Mr. and Mrs. Horvath were taken by complete surprise. Neither were able to say a word when they entered the hall and were greeted by a Hungarian Gypsy orchestra playing a wedding song. It took them some time to gain their composure, but nevertheless they enjoyed the entire evening.

The attendance was a very large one consisting of two hundred people, several from Plymouth but most of them from Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Horvath were presented with a beautiful carved silver tray and an equally beautiful new stove, the joint offering of their children and many friends.

The fore part of the evening was spent enjoying some very delicious Hungarian refreshments and toasts to the couple and the latter part was spent dancing to the tunes of the Gypsy orchestra.

It all ended in the wee hours of the morning with the best wishes of their many friends, wishing for them many more prosperous years of happy married life together.

Motorists Are Given A Warning

Chief of Police Vaughn Smith has issued a special warning to motorists to drive carefully, as the streets and highways are in the most dangerous condition due to ice that they have been in so far this year. A few minor accidents have been reported to the police department, but fortunately there have been no serious crack-ups. One car skidded into another that had stopped for a stop street sign and knocked it across the highway. Chief Smith urges the greatest of caution in driving and suggests that the speed be reduced to 20 miles or less as long as the ice remains.

THANK THE POSTMASTER AND HIS STAFF



This extra page of The Plymouth Mail is reaching you with the regular delivery of the newspaper today because of the splendid cooperation of Postmaster Giles and his entire staff.

The entire edition of The Mail had been delivered to the postoffice and was being distributed for delivery to our subscribers when the report was received that the Presbyterian church was on fire.

When it was evident that the church was going to be entirely destroyed, The Mail immediately called Postmaster Giles and his staff and asked if another page could not be inserted into the papers that were already in the office. The Mail expresses its greatest appreciation to the postmaster and his force—and we know that all of our readers will be appreciative of what they have done.

Rev. Walter Nichol did not fail to keep a wedding engagement he had scheduled for Thursday evening. The wedding scheduled for 8 o'clock, took place at the minutes specified. It was the marriage of Walter Anderson and Miss Marie Badger.

So great was the amount of water used in fighting the flames that Plymouth residents were experiencing the first low water pressure in a number of winters.

A meeting of the official board of the church had been scheduled for Thursday evening.

Will Show Wild Life Pictures Northville Has A Serious Fire

A treat is in store for the nature lovers of Plymouth. On the evening of Monday, January 27th, Walter H. Hastings of the State Conservation Department will come to Plymouth high school at the invitation of the Central PTA. Mr. Hastings' talk will be on Michigan Conservation and he will illustrate his subject with moving pictures. The first reels will be in natural color and are entitled "Facts about Michigan." These pictures are new and are known to be very fine. Three other single reel pictures will also be shown. They were taken on Isle Royale which has recently been made a National Park, and are called "The Wonder Isle," "Michigan Moose" and "Michigan Beaver." All of the pictures have been taken by Mr. Hastings in the course of his work with the Conservation Department.

This program is one of the series sponsored by the Central PTA and the public is cordially invited to attend. It is hoped that members of the Boy Scout Troops of the Plymouth District and of the Girl Scout Troops here will see these pictures as a part of their conservation studies. There will be no admission charge.

Placed In Line For Presidency

At the annual meeting of the Southeastern Michigan Chiefs of Police Association held Wednesday evening at the Detroit Yacht club, Chief Vaughn Smith of Plymouth was placed in line for the presidency of the group by being elected as its sergeant at arms. Following the usual procedure of the organization, he will next year be made vice president and then its president. This is deserved recognition for Chief Smith, who is regarded as one of the most efficient police officers in this locality.

The annual meeting of the association was also ladies' night and Mrs. Smith accompanied her husband to the session.

It has been estimated by geologists that the inland lakes of Michigan constitute about one-fiftieth the total area of the state.

EXTRA Presbyterian Church Burns

BEAUTIFUL EDIFICE ERECTED 89 YEARS AGO LIES IN RUINS

Flames Thursday evening completely destroyed the First Presbyterian church of Plymouth despite the fact that every Plymouth fireman fought courageously and daringly for nearly two long hours in an effort to check the flames.

With the Plymouth firemen were the departments from both Northville and the Detroit House of Correction. The three forces battled shoulder to shoulder but so great had been the progress of the flames at the time of their discovery that thousands of gallons of water from half a dozen hose lines failed to check their advance.

It was an interesting fact that the fire was discovered by Rev. Walter Nichol pastor of the church who had started on an errand down town in his machine.

As he turned his car westward towards Harvey street he noticed two women looking towards the top of the church. His curiosity was somewhat aroused and he looked from the car towards the top of the church. He saw a small amount of smoke seeping through the edge of the roof.

Jumping from his machine he ran to the front of the church and unlocked the front door, only to find the top of the big auditorium filled with smoke.

Hurrying to the basement from where the smoke seemed to be coming, he started to open the door of the boiler room.

Just at this moment the glass of the door was broken into a thousand pieces by the forces of the gas and smoke in the boiler room.

Some of the glass struck the pastor in the face, so great was the force of the explosion, as fresh air seeped into the gas filled room.

It was with the narrowest of chances that he escaped serious injury.

He ran a block to the city hall and gave the alarm to Chief of Police Vaughn Smith who was still on duty at the office.

Chief Smith immediately gave the fire alarm and within an exceedingly few brief minutes, the department was at the church battling what proved to be one of the stubbornest fires this city has ever experienced.

Quickly realizing that the flames were getting beyond control, calls were sent to both Northville and the Detroit House of Correction.

These departments soon arrived, but by this time the entire building was one mass of flames.

At an early hour this morning the Plymouth fire department had gone to Northville to help the department of that city battle a fire almost as stubborn as was the Presbyterian church fire.

The fire department for nearly an hour held the flames to the basement in the west end, but the dense smoke kept the firemen from being able to reach the worst part of the blaze. Suddenly the confined gasses and smoke blew a portion of the roof off. Then it was that the flames seemed to break forth in every part of the church.

Within two hours after the fire had been discovered the beautiful church was in ruins.

Fortunately the historic records of the church were not in the building and Rev. Walter Nichol states that they are all safe.

But recently the women of the church had purchased new dishes and other equipment for the church. These were all destroyed, as was the beautiful pipe organ and all church furnishings.

Absolutely nothing was saved from within the church. The smoke was so great that by the time the fire department had arrived that even the firemen could not get into the building.

The main portion of the church was 60 feet by 46 and the church house was 60 by 30. The church proper was built in 1847. As one views the ruins, the thick, massive walls testify as to the strength of the building that has served the community as a house of worship for nearly a century.

From out of the ruins there will be a new church, there is no question about that, declared Rev. Walter Nichol as he stood watching the flames slowly dying away. The fire loss is unknown, but it will amount to many thousands of dollars. Insurance only covers a small part of the loss.

WHERE CHURCH SERVICES WILL BE HELD SUNDAY

The offer of Fred D. Schrader for the use of his large funeral chapel for the Sunday services of the Presbyterian church were gratefully accepted by Rev. Nichol and his church board for Sunday's service. Morning services will take place at 10 o'clock. There will be no evening service.

Goldstein Observes Fourth Anniversary Mrs. Shattuck, L. P. Naylor Wed

The Goldstein's department store will next week observe its fourth anniversary in Plymouth. Mr. Goldstein during the time he has been in this city has developed a considerable business. He has started his regular anniversary sale and states that he is enjoying a very good business. The sale will close on Saturday night, February first.

It was learned late Thursday evening that LeRoy Naylor and Mrs. Nellie Shattuck, both well known Plymouth residents, were married at Angola, Indiana, Wednesday. They returned to Plymouth Thursday and expect soon to leave for Florida.

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