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Henry Ford Back, Says Good Times Coming

Spends Vacation Developing His New Tractor

Henry Ford, back at work after a two months' vacation on his Georgia plantation, reiterated in an interview today his conviction that a prosperous era is ahead, talked about wars, dictatorships and immigration, and said he was plunging into preparations for volume production of his cheap tractor.

"Nothing that has occurred during the last few weeks," he said, "has changed my belief that a prosperous era is ahead of us. It will come through a greater realization that all wealth comes from the soil and that there must be a greater cultivation of the land."

Ford said he had spent much of his Georgia vacation conducting experiments with his new tractor.

He said he has not changed his convictions about the futility of wars.

"Nobody wins in a war but the financial interests that promote it and make preparations for it," he said.

Of dictatorships, he said: "If a dictatorship comes here it will be because the people have been asleep and deserve it." He added, however, that a dictatorship or the threat of such a condition did not alarm him. "There will be a way to handle it or destroy it if it comes," he said.

Of his back-to-the-farm philosophy, Ford said he was convinced a greater production of the soil would lead the way to general recovery.

"We built a tractor nearly 25 years ago," he said, "and while we didn't make any money on it, we did contribute to general business improvement by increasing the farmers' purchasing power."

Ford said he found no justification for curtailing immigration quotas. "The nation," he said, "is big enough to absorb any or all of those peoples unable to find happiness and comfort in their homelands."

Apparently in excellent health, Ford went back to work with the parting comment that a combination of youthful vigor and mature wisdom is needed to conduct the world's affairs.

"Deprive the world of the brains of men and women above 50 years of age," he said, "and everything must come to a standstill. Neither age alone nor youth alone can run the world's affairs. A cross-section of both is needed."

Women Voters To Meet April 9

The April meeting of the Plymouth League of Women Voters will be held Friday, April 9, at the home of Mrs. John J. Dalton, 489 Blunk avenue at 2:00 o'clock. It is Foreign Policy Day, in charge of Mrs. Maurice Woodworth. Mrs. Clarence Elliott will discuss the Spanish situation. Mrs. Ruth Huston-Whipple will present the Japanese-Chinese problem. Mrs. Woodworth will talk about Hitler, and Mrs. James Sessions will close the round table with a statement about the foreign policy of the United States, particularly in respect to trade agreements.

The new fiscal year for the league starts April 1, so this is a splendid time for those who are interested in the aims of the League of Women Voters to start attending meetings.

Plymouth Hardware Puts In New Line

William Rose announced this week that the Plymouth Hardware company has put in a complete line of master painters' materials.

Mr. Rose entertained recently at a banquet at which the new line was introduced to painters and interior decorators of the Northville-Plymouth area. He stated that his store is the first hardware in this section to carry the complete line.

Schroder-Haggerty To Practice Sunday

The Schroder-Haggerty baseball team will hold practice Sunday, April 3, at Blunkville court.

Aged Women, Former Childhood Friends, Enjoy Dinner Party

Mrs. Hattie Holloway attended a dinner party Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Wallace Clark in Belleville. The occasion was in honor of a group of ladies who were girlhood friends and all were 80 years old and past. A very pleasant day was enjoyed reminiscing over happenings of many years ago. There were 13 present. The youngest of those present celebrated her 80th birthday on the day of the reunion. So delightful did the occasion prove, that they are now planning for an outdoor picnic in Plymouth-Riverside park during the summer.

Chief Smith Offers Suggestions For Safer Bicycling

Bicyclists Must Ride On Right Side Of The Street

Police Chief Vaughan Smith warned this week that all bicyclists must ride on the right side of the pavement with the traffic.

"Many persons have gained the erroneous impression that bicycles should travel against traffic," Chief Smith said. "This is absolutely untrue. The bicycle is a vehicle, the courts have decided, and all operators of bicycles are governed by the same rules of traffic as are automobile drivers."

The police chief urged that all parents co-operate by teaching their children safety rules before permitting them to ride on city streets or heavily traveled roads.

"Unless bicyclists obey the rules of the road I fear that there will be serious accidents within the city," said the chief.

Chief Smith points out that the following suggestions would make the operation of a bicycle less hazardous:

- (1) Two persons on one bicycle is too many.
- (2) All traffic lights and other traffic signals apply to the bicycle.
- (3) Dismount and walk across a congested intersection where there are no traffic lights. Do not dodge in and out of traffic.
- (4) When two or more bicycles are traveling abreast, they should travel in single file when other traffic is approaching.
- (5) Always give a signal to those behind when turning, by extending the hand. Also, signal before stopping. First look back to see if any vehicle is closely approaching if making a left turn.
- (6) Do not "hitch on" to another vehicle.
- (7) Do not zig-zag or do circus stunts on streets or highways. Such exhibitions are dangerous to traffic.

Chief Smith pointed out also that bicyclists should be exceptionally careful not to bump into pedestrians. Serious injuries often result to persons struck by careless bicyclists.

Another dangerous practice is that of riding bicycles at night without proper lighting.

The state law specifically provides that every bicycle must be equipped with a lighted white lamp in front, visible at least 300 feet, and a reflex mirror reflector or lamp on the rear exhibiting a red lamp on the rear which is visible at least 200 feet to the rear of such vehicle.

Movies Of Kiwanians Shown At Meeting

The Kiwanians looked themselves over Tuesday night. The entertainment for the weekly meeting was the showing of movies, taken by President James Gallimore. Jeers were interspersed with cheers as pictures were shown on the screen showing each Kiwanian member in some familiar setting, such as coming out of their business places or other daily sights along Main street. Some fine pictures of the territory surrounding Plymouth were also shown, including fine color films of Riverside park.

Moving pictures were taken of the club members during the Tuesday evening dinner meeting and will be shown at a later date. The high school girls' double quartet, under the direction of Vera Gallimore, rendered several selections accompanied by Carol Campbell at the piano.

Collection Of City Taxes Best In Seven Years

89 Percent Paid On 1937 Roll; 4 Percent Ahead Of 1936

Eighty-nine percent of the 1937 city taxes have been collected in Plymouth, the highest percentage collection recorded since 1930.

City Treasurer Charles H. Garlett reported this week that \$62,187 had been collected of the total of \$69,807 spread on the city tax roll last July. This year's collection is four percent above that of a year ago when 85 percent, or \$57,839 of the \$67,866 was collected.

Both the 1937 and the 1936 rolls were spread at the rate of \$13.50 a thousand for city tax purposes, the increase in total taxes being taken care of by new sources such as new buildings and increases in the valuation of personal property.

The percentage table on city tax collection gives an interesting picture. In 1927 the city collected 95.1 percent with the percentage figure dropping gradually each year to 71.2 percent for the 1933 tax roll. Then the percentages climbed to the present figure of 89 percent.

Collection of county and school taxes spread only last December 1 was also good. On March 21 a total of 82.5 percent of the school-county taxes had been collected, one percent less than the collection of a year ago.

Of the school taxes for 1937 \$44,941 of the \$52,998 had been collected compared to \$44,800 of the total of \$56,093 last year on the same date. The 1936 tax rate for school tax was \$11.14 while in 1937 it was \$10.29.

Collection of 1937 county taxes totaled \$23,010 of the total of \$27,021, while the 1936 figures were \$19,408 out of \$24,369. The county tax rate was \$4.84 for the 1936 rolls and \$5.27 for 1937.

The tax collection in the city compares very favorably with that of other cities in Michigan, many reporting a much higher percentage of delinquency than experienced here.

City Treasurer Garlett is busy making the returns to the county which handles the collection of delinquent taxes.

Hilltop Nursery Opens Monday

The Hilltop Nursery opens Monday for its seventh season. The ten-weeks session is intended for children from the age of two years to six years with a schedule planned to keep the youngsters busy. Children can be entered just mornings or for the entire day. The day nursery provides transportation to and from the school located just north of M-12 on Beck road. Mrs. Jill Hereford will be manager of the nursery.

The nursery will close in June for the summer months when Hilltop Farm Camp will be operated with Grace E. Jolliffe as director.

Rathburn Back From Hospital

Charles Rathburn, supervisor of Plymouth township, who has been under treatment in the University of Michigan hospital for several weeks, returned home Wednesday, feeling considerably improved. He will be able to return to his usual activities for some two or three weeks, but his host of friends will be glad to know of his general improvement.

Did You Know That

Dress up your windows with Molas Shades new or repair also linoleum and venetian blinds. National Window Shade Co. Phone 590 for estimates.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark J. Chaffee and son, Thomas, and her mother, Mrs. Jason Woodman, who has spent the winter with them, were in Paw Paw over the week-end. Mrs. Woodman is returning there.

Of These Three Candidates, Vote For Not More Than Two Monday



MAYOR HENRY H. HONDORP



MRS. RUTH WHIPPLE



HAROLD ANDERSON

Woman Dies In Flames That Destroy Home

Mrs. Burt Brande Victim Of Early Morning Blaze

A fire that started from unknown sources, early last Monday morning, claimed the life of Mrs. Minnie W. Brande, 63-year-old wife of Burt Brande, at their home on Schoolcraft road, one mile east of Plymouth.

Mrs. Brande awoke in the front room where he was sleeping and called to Mrs. Brande in the back bedroom, telling her the house was on fire and that she couldn't get through the house to the door, but to go to the south window in her bedroom where he would help her out. Mrs. Brande had been partially paralyzed for the past seven years and, apparently, was unable to get close enough to the window so that she might be pulled through. Louis Gerst, a neighbor, arrived in time to assist Mrs. Brande in a futile attempt to rescue her through the smoke and flames.

The Brandes' two dogs also perished in the house, one in a chair in the living room and the other in Mrs. Brande's bedroom. The fire spread so fast that the house was burned to the ground before aid could reach them.

Mrs. Brande leaves besides her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Winkler of Detroit.

Under the direction of the Schroder funeral home of Plymouth, the body was cremated in Woodmere, Detroit, Wednesday. Final rites will be announced later.

The Plymouth fire department was called and responded in remarkably quick time. Some of the firemen reached the station before the whistle had stopped blowing and reached the fire in a few brief minutes.

WPA Projects Employ 92 Here

Ninety-two men were working this week on WPA projects in the city of Plymouth.

Thirty men this week began installing 800 feet of 12-inch sewer on Hartough avenue. The men are working in two six-hour shifts, from 6:00 a.m. to noon and from noon until 6:00 p.m. Each man is limited to 100 hours a month, or a total of 60.

The remaining 62 WPA employees are working on the storm sewer job behind the stores on Pennin and Main streets. The project will eliminate several drains into the Tomonish Creek.

City Engineer Stanford L. Bease expects that 12 of the men now employed on the two projects will be transferred next week to work on parks. It is planned to set out 60 trees on Mill street between Plymouth road and Wilcox, the west side of Farmer, between Amelia and Starkweather, Burroughs avenue between South Main and Harding, and Penninman avenue between Evergreen and Sheridan.

CONCRETE GOOD FRIDAY MORNING TO BE HELD

City Acts To Halt Erosion Damage

The city commission has decided for immediate correction of a situation caused by waters from Tomonish Creek washing out shrubbery along the course of the stream.

Employees of the city were assigned to work along the banks of the creek after property owners reported the damage to the commission.

The city has also begun the usual spring work of grading roads and filling in holes with gravel. Other workmen have been cleaning up the parks, uncovering the city tulip beds and painting street signs.

City Purchase Of Building For Library Sought

Planning Commission Discusses Proposal At Meeting

A move to obtain a building for a municipal library was discussed this week by the City Planning commission.

The sub-committee on buildings suggested to the full commission at a meeting Monday night that the city purchase a house on a suitable site. The building would be remodeled under a WPA project and the county would contribute largely to the support of the library if the city furnishes the quarters.

Members of the committee pointed out that there would be room in the house to have the library on the first floor. The second floor could be fitted out for use of women's organizations for club rooms, a need long recognized in Plymouth. The commission plans further discussion of this subject at its next meeting.

The Planning commission decided also to recommend to the city commission that the necessary right-of-way be obtained to straighten and widen to 60 feet Garfield avenue between Pennin and Sheridan avenues. A sidewalk would be immediately provided on one side of the street under the plan.

The commission discussed a proposal to move 60 feet to the south the Park avenue entrance to Riverside park in order to eliminate a sharp curve which is considered a serious traffic hazard.

J. M. Bennett, chairman of the Planning commission, presided at the meeting. Other members present included Mrs. Maude Bennett, George Burr, Phil Hoehsel and John Bickenstaff.

Arthur Moe And Jane Wortley Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Moe of Liberty street announce the marriage of their son, Arthur, to Jane Wortley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wortley of Ypsilanti on January 21, in the Lutheran church, Toledo, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Moe are residing at 24 Murphy avenue, Pontiac, where Mr. Moe is a director of instrumental music in the Pontiac Junior high school.

The groom is a graduate of the schools in Summit, Minnesota, also a graduate of Ypsilanti State Normal school. He attended school in Plymouth one year and was a student in University of Michigan when he accepted the position of teacher at the school.

List 700 Pieces Of Real Estate For May Tax Sale

Plymouth Owners Must Pay Up Or Lose Property

Owners of approximately 700 pieces of Plymouth real estate face the possibility of losing their property because of delinquent taxes at the state-wide tax sale in May.

The total became known here with the receipt of a legal publication which listed the Wayne county property advertised for sale. Property which is tax delinquent for 1935 or prior years, unless the taxes are being paid for under statutory installment payment plans, is scheduled to be placed on public sale by the state.

County officials pointed out, however, that the total number of Plymouth lots sold for taxes might be reduced appreciably before the date of the sale arrives. Anyone wanting to save their real estate by paying up the delinquent taxes must do so by calling at the county treasurer's office in Detroit on or before May 30.

The 700 listed for sale are less than one-fourth of the total of 3350 pieces of real estate which makes up Plymouth. Many of the lots listed for sale are vacant although some include homes. Officials pointed out that some of the owners may not know that their property is delinquent and said that an effort would be made to notify the delinquent taxpayers individually.

Country Club Opens Sunday

The formal opening of the Plymouth Country club will be held Sunday.

William Rambo, manager, reports that the greens and fairways are in fine condition for this time of the year and that a large crowd is expected to play the course Sunday. Tournament play at the club will start late in April.

The club is a member of the Metropolitan Golf association and a busy program is scheduled for the summer.

REED RESTAURANT TO BE REMODELED

William Reed, proprietor of Reed's restaurant on North Starkweather street, announced today that he will close his restaurant for a short time to enable workmen to completely remodel the building. The design of the inside of the restaurant will be modernized and new fixtures will be installed.

Opening of the restaurant will be announced in the near future through the columns of The Plymouth Mail. The restaurant will close Saturday, April 1.

JEWELL AND BLANCH MOVE TO NEW QUARTERS

Jewell and Blanch are now in their new location, the former Smith Motor Sales, at 1262 South Main street.

The firm handles plumbing, heating and painting work.

Hondorp, Whipple and Anderson Seek Two City Commission Posts In General Election Monday

Boy, 7, Is Struck By Automobile Here

Ovid Stancer, seven years old, of 948 Dewey avenue, suffered a fractured thigh bone last Friday afternoon when he was struck by an automobile at the intersection of Penniman avenue and South Main street.

The driver, Harold Bronson, 36 years old, of 334 South Harvey street, stopped his car immediately and picking up the injured boy, rushed him to Plymouth hospital. Witnesses said that the child had suddenly dashed into the path of the car.

Auto Drivers Now Must Take Tests

Ward H. Henderson, of 1302 West Maple street, this week became the first Plymouth resident to obtain a driver's license under the modernized examination system which became effective today.

Henderson was examined at the Plymouth police department and was given the written test on rules of the road, and oral tests for eyesight, sign reading and to determine whether he could distinguish signal lights and also colors. He passed the tests and will receive his driver's license by mail from the Secretary of State in Lansing.

Police Chief Vaughan Smith pointed out that all new drivers will have to take a road test in which the applicant must convince the officer that he is able to drive. Persons seeking renewals of licenses will not have to take the road test.

"The day of the easy-to-get driver's license is past," Chief Smith commented as the bureau began to test the drivers under the new system.

Pomona Grange Local Guest

Last Saturday, the local Grange entertained Wayne County Pomona Grange. The forenoon was spent visiting and renewing old friendships. At noon 39 sat down at tables groaning with the housewives' most choice viands. Two beautiful cakes attracted much attention, for they were there in tribute to two 47th wedding anniversaries, that of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wager of Flat Rock, and Mr. and Mrs. James Gates of Plymouth. The Wagers and the Gates were also presented with handsome pots of cyclamens to commemorate the occasion.

The Rev. Hutchins from Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gale from Washtenaw county Grange were guests. Members were present from Belleville, Romulus, Flat Rock and Plymouth.

After a community sing, roll call was responded to by reciting, "My most embarrassing moment," and provided considerable amusement.

The very timely topics, "The Farm Policy" and "Changes I Would Like to See in Production and Distribution" provoked a lively discussion and most of those present had very definite ideas to present on the subjects.

The regular meeting of the Townsend club, No. 1 of Plymouth, will be held Monday, April 4, at 8:00 p.m., in the Grange hall. A speaker is expected to be present. This (Friday) evening the monthly potluck supper and meeting of the Townsend club of the 17th district, will be held at 7:00 p.m., in the Woman's club rooms in Royal Oak, corner of Fourth and Pleasant streets.

Mr. Todd of North Dakota and Rev. O. P. Schleicher will be the speakers.

Small toys, books, marbles, sand toys, wooden boats, doll's house, stamping sets, beads, doll's house furniture, large rubber balls, tops, tinkler toys, doll's games for one or two players, unbreakable dishes, small cars; also scrap materials, old felt hats, cloth for quilt patches, pictures, large figure calendars, magazines, and old stockings for rug weaving.

Townsend Club To Meet April 4

The local Kiwanis club is sponsoring a city wide appeal to the citizens of Plymouth and local organizations for toys, new or used, to be donated to the sick children in the wards of the city hospital. The following items are especially in demand:

Small toys, books, marbles, sand toys, wooden boats, doll's house, stamping sets, beads, doll's house furniture, large rubber balls, tops, tinkler toys, doll's games for one or two players, unbreakable dishes, small cars; also scrap materials, old felt hats, cloth for quilt patches, pictures, large figure calendars, magazines, and old stockings for rug weaving.

Help make a sick child happy. Bring your contributions to Blank Brothers store, where a window will display toys given to this worthy cause.

Many New Voters Register For Right To Ballot

Plymouth voters will go to the polls Monday to select two members for the city commission and to decide a proposed amendment to the city charter.

Campaigning gained momentum this week as friends sought support for Mayor Henry H. Hondorp, Commissioner Ruth Huston-Whipple and Harold Anderson, the three candidates for the two posts.

The amendment, which must have a yes vote of 60 percent to carry, reads:

"The commission shall receive as compensation for their services a sum of \$3.00 for each meeting of the commission they attend during the term of office, but shall not exceed 52 meetings in any one year. This payment shall be made from the general fund in the city treasury. Said officers shall receive no other compensation for services performed for and on behalf of said city during their term of office, provided that in no case shall such commissioners receive compensation for any meetings not actually attended."

The amendment does not raise the rate of pay, inasmuch as the present charter allows compensation of \$3 a meeting. However, at present, the annual pay for a commissioner is limited to \$90, or a maximum of 30 meetings a year while for several years the commission has had to be in session from 40 to 50 times a year.

A vote of from 400 to 500 is expected. Interest in the election is shown by the increase in new voters registered.

A total of 103 new voters were registered for this election to increase the total of eligible voters to 2603. City officials, pointing out that usually only 400 to 500 vote, urged all registered voters to visit the four polling places, which will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday. The voting booths will be at the city hall, the Starkweather school, Central high school, and 818 Penniman avenue.

Plymouth Hills To Open Saturday

Announcement of a reduction in prices will greet all golfers who attend the formal opening of Plymouth Hills golf course Saturday and Sunday of this week, according to Casey Partridge, manager of the course. Partridge stated that the greens and fairways were in better shape so far this season than they have been at any time in the last few years.

The Hills' tournament play will start with 16 teams on May 8 and finish on August 19. City championships will be played in July. The management will serve light lunches and a regular Sunday morning breakfast as a special feature in the club house this season.

Kiwanians Ask Toys For Shut-Ins

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Mrs. Irving Blank, Mrs. Walter Blank, Mrs. Charles East and Mrs. David Miller were among those who donated toys to the children.