

County, City Agree to Repave Ann Arbor Trail

An agreement between the City of Plymouth and Wayne County Road Commission to re-pave Ann Arbor Trail, from Harvey to Sheldon was approved by the city commission Monday night.

The move will come as good news for those living along the street and those who use it frequently. The street has been in rough shape ever since last winter.

There is just one sour note to the agreement. The re-paving, according to City Manager Albert Glassford, will not come until next fall.

Ann Arbor Trail is a county-controlled street. Re-paving of county streets inside

the city limits, however, is usually a joint venture when it comes to paving. Ann Arbor Trail's \$28,000 cost of re-

Skyways To Abstinence

Plymouth Woman's Christian Temperance Union met Thursday, Nov. 5, for the regular monthly meeting, at the home of Mrs. Ethel Gracey. The president, Mrs. Lorena Friday presided. Devotions were given by Mrs. Irma Hatcher, a visitor from Florida. Reports were given by those who attended the recent state convention in Clare, and plans were made for the coming year. A review from the study book, "Shadow Over America," prepared by Mrs. Robinson and read by Mrs. Ella Gould, was an inspiration to all for more intensive work in the cause of temperance in the coming year. Last year's slogan "Highways to Abstinence" is now to be "Skyways to Abstinence."

paving will be paid two-thirds by the county and one-third by the city. The county will direct the work.

Those owning property along the street will be assessed for the job at \$1 per front foot.

In other business, these things happened Monday night: —A motion was approved

The Reader Speaks Up:

Editor:

As teachers in the Plymouth schools we would protest The Mail's page-one story last week concerning the charges made at a recent Board of Education Meeting against James Griffith, high school band director. We have no intention at this time to attempt a defense of Mr. Griffith nor do we wish to side with his accusers. We do, however, want to make known our strong objections to the way The Mail has handled the affair. Our objections may be summed up as follows:

1. Charges—some serious, some trivial—have been made against Mr. Griffith by individual citizens. By placing these unproved charges on page one the Mail has (unintentionally) lent credence to them. Mr. Griffith's professional status has been weakened in the community and among his students. He has, in effect, been convicted by publicity.

2. By spotlighting these charges made at a Board meeting The Mail has surprisingly departed from its usual custom of printing Board debates in eye-strain type and "Minutes of the Meeting" form, placed considerably farther back in the paper.

We realize that The Mail has the right to print any news it wants with whatever degree of prominence it wishes. We believe, however, that a community paper has also the duty to assist the rational working out of school problems; last week the Mail

looked to us as though it had either joined the sensational press or had made up its mind against Mr. Griffith.

Because we think The Mail's story has been unfair to Mr. Griffith and is likely to effect the general educational climate in the community. We hope this letter will receive equal attention and display.

Plymouth Education Association

(Editor's Note: The Plymouth Education Association knows full well that the issue of the high school band is not new; that it has been and is a burning, real matter of controversy through the entire school system; that it is only reached the school board level because it could not be resolved in lower levels. In other words, it was vital community news by any standard. Our job is to present community news in its accurate perspective.

(Neither condemning nor praising The Mail's news treatment will solve the problem—as the PEA also knows full well.)

Jaycees Sell Unique Garbage Can Carriers

Anyone who struggles to get their garbage cans to the curb each week may be an easy target for the Plymouth Jaycees who this week are starting a sale of a unit to ease the back-breaking job.

A mobile rack that holds two garbage cans will go on display and sale this Saturday along Main St. and Forest Ave. The Jaycees, who will use the profit to carry on their work among local youth, will also sell to their friends and neighbors.

The garbage can lids are fastened together by a heavy metal bracket which is attached to the rack itself, eliminating loss of the lids by vandals or wind. The rack is of sturdy construction with large rubber tires, making it easy even for the lady of the house to roll to the street.

The city commission has approved the rack and the project. Through the cooperation of the Redford Jaycees, the Plymouth Jaycees have been able to obtain a supply at a price of \$14.95. Anyone interested in a phone order may call GL 3-4517. There is free delivery.

Obituaries

Concha Rodriguez

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 13 for Concha Rodriguez of 44254 Shearer Drive, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick R. Rodriguez. She was born November 13 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

Rev. Father Francis Byrne officiated at the services from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Interment is Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

Surviving besides the parents is one sister, Cecelia, and one brother, Nick, both at home.

To Draw For Store's Prizes

Better Home Furniture and Appliances, now staging their grand opening at an Ann Arbor Road building, will have a drawing for the prizes this Saturday night. A long list of prizes is being awarded. Better Home was formerly on Forest Ave. and moved to a new building that has twice the floor space.



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allowing the sale of city water to Plymouth Township for re-sale to the Garling Construction Co. The construction firm intends to build a subdivision on both city and township land on the eastern edge of the city. A water policy study committee of the commission is now studying the question of rates to be charged for sale of water outside the city limits. Until their report is made, the usual charge of double rates is in effect.

—A delegation from the Chamber of Commerce appeared to discuss the annual problem of providing Christmas decorations. The city has taken over the job of erecting the decorations in recent years. Some new decorations will be purchased, including a new manger scene for Kellogg Park. The city has budgeted \$1,000 for decorations; the Chamber Retail

Merchants committee chairman, Wendell Lent, agreed to raise \$800.

Safety Director Kenneth Fisher asked the commission to pass a motion that will ask the Road Commission to lengthen the traffic signal hours at Peniman and Sheldon from 10 p.m. until midnight. The signal, which goes

off at 10 to a flashing signal, is a hazard because many motorists do not know what the red flashing signal means. Traffic safety men will not approve a stop sign for times when the flasher is on. Fisher said that he has tried everything else, so perhaps the commission's letter may have some weight.

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