

HEAVY SNOW and two new blades arrived at about the same time in the City of Plymouth. DPW Supt. Kenneth Vogras is shown with the new equipment, which cost \$2,015, and was immediately used to clear slippery streets and highways.

## Plymouth City Manager Tells of 1966 Events

By Richard D. Blodgett

1966 was a busy year that saw several significant events shape the future of the City of Plymouth. After construction of the new two-million gallon water reservoir, the city ordered two water towers removed.

On March 5, 1966, various city officials participated in the Hillsdale Conference weekend, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. As a result, better inter-governmental cooperation seems to be taking place in the form of mutual studies for an incinerator authority and joint police protection.

A new position of Youth Officer-investigator was created in the police department.



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Harvey Street widening from Feniman to Ann Arbor Trail was authorized, but because the project involved right-of-way acquisition, it will be necessary that this project be carried forward into 1967.

Sutherland, S. Main to Harvey Street, and Hartough, Roosevelt Avenue to Syman Subdivision, were reconstructed in the fall of '66.

The City Commission closed out the Mill Street Urban Renewal Project, and voted against an urban renewal project for the southeast quadrant of the Central Business District. Spurred on by the Chamber of Commerce, a

Citizen's Central Business District Implementation Committee was formed to study means of improving the downtown.

Plymouth's sidewalks were subjected to inspection and a program begun to replace and repair all defective walks in the city.

With the creation of a new position of Housing Code Inspector, city housing code enforcement was undertaken on a systematic, area by area basis.

Because of a city ordinance restricting parking on city streets between 2 p.m. and 6 a.m., street cleaning and snow removing services are now performed on a more efficient basis.

The City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township entered into a reciprocal agreement for initial life response by both departments to all school alarms in the Plymouth community.

The City Commission approved the selection of a new owned land west of S. Harvey Street for a 60-unit senior Citizens' Housing Project.

As a result of a favorable vote in November, liquor by the glass, the city Commission approved two liquor licenses.

What can we expect in 1967? The DPW storage garage will be completed. City in the year, City ordinances will be reconfirmed and the zoning ordinance should be completed. We also expect the city to adopt ordin-

ances on taxi cabs and personnel.

We can look for Harvey Street to be widened and other central business district improvements to take place, such as beautification of the park, store front renovations, traffic circulation and better parking facilities.

We can expect the Senior Citizens' home plans to be completed. It is expected that the city will acquire additional park land and improve recreational facilities.

## Follow Tips—Avoid Home Accidents

A great many serious accidents occur in the home, the National Safety Council reports. The Greater Detroit Safety Council, a chapter of the NSC, offers the following tips to help you avoid home accidents:

**Staircases** should have firm handrails, be well lighted and covered with anti-slip material. Stair treads should not be narrower than 9 1/2 inches, and the ceiling at any point should not be less than 6 feet, 8 inches above any tread.

Equip bathrooms with secure grab-bars along the tub and in the shower stall.

Doors should swing back against the wall and not project into a room when open. Swinging-door closets should have inside handles and a 1-inch air space at the bottom in case a child shuts himself in.

Keep cleaning compounds, medicines, pesticides and other potential poisons out of the reach of curious children.

Make a regular inspection of the medicine chest; and remove all old unlabeled medicines and containers.



DONALD WHITE, Livonia Assistant Superintendent, came from the Greenville Steel Car Co. in Greenville, Pa.

## 2 Livonians To Talk At Conference



Burke Anderson Arnold E. Anderson, of 11313 Mayfield, and Carl E. Burke, of 11035 Aubynale, Livonia, will participate in the 1967 SAE Automotive Engineering Congress and Exposition Jan. 9-13 at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

Anderson, Associate Principal Research Engineer, Serge Gratch, Mgr. Chemical Processes & Research Staff and Hayden P. Hayes, Supervisor, Drum Brake Section, Scientific Research Staff for the Ford Motor Company, are co-authors of a paper titled "A New Laboratory Friction and Wear Test for the Characterization of Brake Linings."

Burke, Assistant Chief Engineer — Automotive Advance Engineering & Research and E. A. Petersen, Chief Engineer for American Motors Corporation are co-authors of a paper titled "American Motors Typhoon-8 Engine."

## City Seeks U.S. School Aid

Garden City schools have requested for participation in the federal assistance program for slow-learners in basic arithmetic and reading. The school system also is seeking funds available for direct counseling for potential dropouts.

The grant, which first must be approved by the state, totals \$45,069 and comes under the recent amendment to Title I of the Federal Assistance Act for Education of Children from Low-Income Families.

Under it the schools here would receive \$21,586 for the elementary level summer reading program, \$14,988 for the year-round programmed arithmetic instruction, plus \$9,095 for direct counseling during the summer for potential dropouts.

The program is fully funded by the federal government.

Special Administrative Assistant Robert S. Duhon, has been authorized to proceed with the application. Approval is expected within the next couple of months, Duhon said.

The arithmetic and reading projects were begun last year. Counseling is a new program.

Basic objective of the arithmetic program is to identify and work with junior high pupils who are deficient in computational skills, said Mrs. Lois Holder of the Programmed Instruction Department of Garden City schools. She is director of the project, which this past year has been conducted at Vogas and Cambridge junior high schools.

The remedial reading workshop, if approved, again would run for seven weeks, from June into August.

"Its basic purpose is to help the child to a better grasp of reading skills, a better feeling toward school and, if possible, a healthier attitude toward life," said Sara Ensor, Garden City schools reading consultant.

Fifty children were selected and enrolled in the project last summer. Pupils who previously had

disliked school refused to miss classes, she said. The direct counseling service is for students in grades nine through 11.

Purpose of the project is to make counselors available during the summer months when the dropout problem is most critical.

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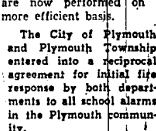
## Meet Your Carrier

Ron Schulz, the young lad who delivers the Observer in the Lyndon-Schoolcraft area in Redford Township, has his goal set as an engineer.

The 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Schulz, 14693 Leonard, started delivering the paper in September of 1953 and has been diligent in his efforts ever since.

He is a student at Lola Valley Junior High and his major subjects are math and history. He has been on the Honor Roll and hopes some day to go to college and become an engineer.

In his spare moments he is very much interested in sports and music.



RON

LOTS OF PARTIES during Holiday week when old and new friends gather. A perfect setting for a get-together, a farm house with all of the warmth and atmosphere of the old and lots of the new added, the Cecil Sharard residence on Napier Road was ringing with laughter.

Spending their first Christmas in their new home were the Warren Bradburns. Delighting the children was the arrival on the new snow of a new type of Santa's Sleigh, the Ski-Doo smack in front of the big glass family room window, and Chuck Finlan driving.

They opened their house on Wednesday and the Richard Tobins were nice and neighborly on Tuesday. Christmas guests from South Carolina for the William Covingtons, who honored them with a dinner party.

**TEENS TOO ARE IN THE NEWS**—1967 party for Lynn Finlan of Burroughs Street, was a good way to keep the

young people happy, a combo so they can dance, lots of goodies, well chaperoned and a chance to welcome friends.

"We would rather be home with the young people," said Jean and Chuck Finlan.

WOMAN'S CLUB will open the New Year with Mrs. Louis Norman as chairman of the day at a meeting in the Masonic Temple on January 6. A Table Top Demonstration with Lt. Raymond Maki discussing Fires in the Home. Tea Chairman Mrs. Bruce Richard will be assisted by Mrs. Russell Ash, Mrs. C. Wilste, Mrs. Louis Borgerad, Mrs. David Davies, Mrs. Charles Dickey, Mrs. Arthur Larson and greeters will be Mrs. Leslie Daniel and Mrs. David Wood.

**THIS MAY BE THE New Year** but I doubt it will make a change in the 60 Plus Club of Plymouth, his group is active, years don't seem to change them much and they are always looking for a way to help someone.

Over at the West Trail Nursing home, 12 big packages of fruit were delivered by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown from the 60 Plus Club to brighten the shut-in's Christmas.

The regular meeting will be January 9, with the regular pot luck at 12 o'clock and business meeting. A bit of gaiety will be added with Walter Sandness and his accordion to entertain.

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