Weekly Band Concerts Thing Of Past-There was a time, perhaps a generation back, when most every city and town in Michigan had a weekly band concert during the summer months in the central park or bandstand in the heart of the business district. It was the high spot of the week's activities and gave all in the area a chance to meet, socialize, cat papeon and peanuts and ice croam, and enjoy the martial tunes of the volunteer bandsmen. The tunes may on have been the best, when most east for the musicians who were finding in concert for the musicians who were finding in concert for the sum of the volunteer bandsmen. The tunes may on have been the best, when the bend, "Concert in C Major" by Vivaldi. The popular concert finding in the bandroom and the band gradually faded out of existant the band gr

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Then came the automobile, better roads, and the band gradually faded out of existence, principally because the volunteer

grain as PHS band director, that the concerts were first started 10 years ago.

GRIFFITH STARFED with members of his own high school group and then invited any others who desired to play to report for the practices. Much to his amazement, the musicians came from as far as 40 miles away to get a chance to "leave off some steam" and keep their lips and wind in top shape.

The musicians reported with their trombones, drums, cornets, clarinets, bassoons, flutes, french horns and every type of instrument needed for a band.

Some were members of Plymouth High bands of past years, some were musicians with other high school bands in the surrounding area, and some came from as far away as New Hudson, Ann Arbor, Flat Rock and Grosse Polite to play in the concerts of the control of the

of the state.

THAT'S WHEN THE PLYMOUTH Community Federal Credit Union came to the rescue. Manager and Treasurer George Lawton was told of the difficulties and was instrumental in getting permission of this board to make an annual contribution of \$1,200.

Over the years, it is the Credit Union support that has kept the band and the week summer concerts going. The only paid member of the group is Director Griffith; all others donate their time and services.

The bandsmen come from all walks of life. There are doctors, engineers, accountants, nurses, housewise, teachers, electricians, professional musicians and students from the Plymouth High marching band.

They participate in the activities during the annual Fall Festival, march in the July 4 parade and present two winter concerts. Proceeds of the latter are used to finance the activities of the band and for four half-scholarships to summer music camps.

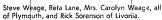
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In addition, the group has presented joint concerts with bands from Belleville and Farmington and the Ford Chorus, it has presented concerts at St. Francis Boys Home in Detroit and Northville State Hospital and programs at the annual Miss Plymouth contest conducted by the Jaycees.

During the Plymouth High football season when Griffith is busy with the PHS band, Keith Burton and Clayton LeRoue share duties in directing the community group.



TRUMPET SECTION sounds off with some sweet music. The quartet includes: (from left)





OLD, YOUNG HANDS keep in time with the beat, It's typical of the Plymouth Community band



which has youngsters from high school and old-timers who are just keeping busy.



MERRY SOUNDS come out of the juba when alltimer John Robison, of Redford Township, swings into action. It may be work for some but for John this is all pure enjoyment and play.

Pictures By James Hubbard; Story By R.T. Thompson



PERCUSSION DUO has an intent look. That's Ken Moyer at cymbals and Doug McLeod, of Dearborn, getting ready to beat the big drum.





Sharon Sprague features concert with piccolo solo



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