

# This Private School Is No Busing Dodge

By MARTHA MAHAN

PLYMOUTH The idea of a private secondary school for the western suburbs, the five year dream of a Plymouth teacher, will be placed before the public for its reaction at two meetings in Plymouth.

The board of directors and faculty will meet with interested citizens Nov. 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. at the Mayflower Hotel to report on progress to date and plans for the future. The hotel is at 827 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

The school is not designed as an anti-bussing "out," founder Jane Navarre emphasized, but an institution for parents who seek quality education where the uniqueness of each child can be preserved.

NO FLY-BY-NIGHT operation, the school is incorporating as a non-profit, tax-deductible institution and accreditation set by the University of Michigan.

A site has been picked in Plymouth Township and architects are working on preliminary building plans. Mrs. Navarre said.

The school, to be called Emerson Independent Secondary School, will open in September of 1973 for grades seven, eight and nine with enrollment limited to 50 students at each grade level. By 1976, Emerson expects to have a total enrollment of 300 for grades seven through 12.

All of the eight teachers signed so far have master's degrees or are in master's programs, as will the other two still being sought. The headmaster, whose name presently is withheld for professional reasons, has nearly 15 years of experience in private education, and a master's degree as well as nearly 20 hours of administration from the University of Michigan.

MRS. NAVARRE, who has funded the project so far, received her bachelor's degree from Denison University and her master's from the University of Michigan. She taught five years before motherhood removed her from the profession.

The curriculum is designed to meet the needs of a wide spectrum of students but generally is college preparatory.

It includes programs both for the gifted child and those requiring special education. Enrollment for special education is limited to eight and staffed by a teacher with eight years of experience and a master's degree in the field of special learning problems.

Tuition presently is set at \$1,000 per year, per student. In addition, a family must make a one-time, per family contribution of \$500 to the tax deductible building fund.

BECAUSE THE faculty does not wish to discriminate in any way, Mrs. Navarre said, a special account has been established at the First Federal Savings in Plymouth where a family, instead of paying the tuition in one lump sum, can pay as little as \$20 per week to build tuition credit.

Scholarship funds also are available, she said. The present site under consideration is in the northwest section of Plymouth Township near Northville and Livonia. The directors decided to locate in Plymouth Township, Mrs. Navarre said, because of the availability of land and because Plymouth has been able to retain a community spirit and bond which is necessary for the support of such an institution.

Also, there is presently no quality, non-public, secondary education on Detroit's western outskirts to provide an alternative to public education.

THE ARCHITECTURAL firm of Graham-Culotta of Northville, member of AIA and architects of other educational institutions, has been employed. Preliminary plans are now being made. Relocatable classrooms which are attractive and functional and far less costly than permanent buildings are planned.

Legal work is being handled by the firms of Dobson, Griffin and Barense in Ann Arbor and Denzel and Armstrong in Plymouth. Both Dobson and Denzel previously have done legal work for educational institutions.

The teachers founded Emerson because they believe public education fails to meet the needs of every student, Mrs. Navarre said.

Public schools are doing a good job, she said, but their bigness and increasing drug use prevent realizing an al-

ternative to public education.

They were able to raise \$500,000 before the school

opened its doors, and it now has a beautiful facility on 35 acres, provides a complete educational program for 250 students and has waiting lists for some grade levels.

Plans have been under way for more than a year, Mrs. Navarre said, and letters were sent to community and political leaders in every city west of Detroit from Dearborn to Northville soliciting their opinions.

"Roth's cross-district busing ruling made her hesitate to press forward her plans, Mrs. Navarre confessed, because she feared public reaction might be to regard her as one of the so-called "freedom schools."

"But it was a dream of mine and my life," she said. "I had contacted the State Department of Education long before Judge Roth's ruling came down. So I decided to go ahead."

"The school will not open unless there is a broad base of interest and support from families in the western suburbs," she declared. "If we cannot find support here, perhaps there are other communities who would like to see us locate there, but we hope to find a home in Plymouth."

Emerson hopes to duplicate the success of Greenhills School in Ann Arbor which was started by seven families who felt that, although the Ann Arbor public schools rated very highly, there ought to be an alternative to public education.

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