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## Plymouth Planning Dedication Feb. 10

PLYMOUTH, Mich.—Sunday afternoon, February 10, the Plymouth Church of Christ will have open house and formal dedication services in their new building. Willard Collins is the guest speaker at 3 p.m.

New facilities of the Plymouth congregation are located at 9301 Sheldon Road. This is one-half mile west of the old building and just south of Ann Arbor Road (M-14.)

Collins is vice-president of Davis Lipscomb College in Nashville, Tenn. and very much in demand for meetings and speaking engagements throughout the land. His record for additions and attendance at gospel meetings during the past 15 years is, perhaps, unmatched by any living gospel preacher.

In 1961 he was the evangelist chosen by members of churches of Christ in the armed forces to hold the annual Far East Fellowship meeting in Tokyo, Japan. He has preached on the Herald of Truth national radio network program (heard locally Sunday 10:00 P.M., WXYZ) and has written widely for publication in books and religious magazines.

Last fall Collins spoke for eight days in Nashville's new Municipal Auditorium. This meeting was the first event in the new auditorium. More than 13,000 attended the first service and police estimated that 5,000 to 8,000 more were turned away.

An average of about 11,000 attended throughout the week. This meeting was sponsored

by the Charlotte Avenue church of Christ, in Nashville, for which Collins preached from 1946-1955.

This open house and dedication service will be the culmination of more than a year and a half of planning by the Plymouth congregation. The 4.19 acres in Plymouth Township on which the building is erected was purchased for \$19,000. in November, 1961.

A contract was signed with Paden Construction Company in April, 1962. A \$150,000 issue of Security Plan, Inc. bonds were sold in June, 1962. Forty-nine households in the congregation took 42% of this issue. They were 90% sold the first week. Groundbreaking ceremonies

were held July 4th and actual construction started two or three weeks later.

Brother E. R. Jones, Sr. of Memphis, Tennessee and father of one of the Plymouth members, was Paden's superintendent on the job.

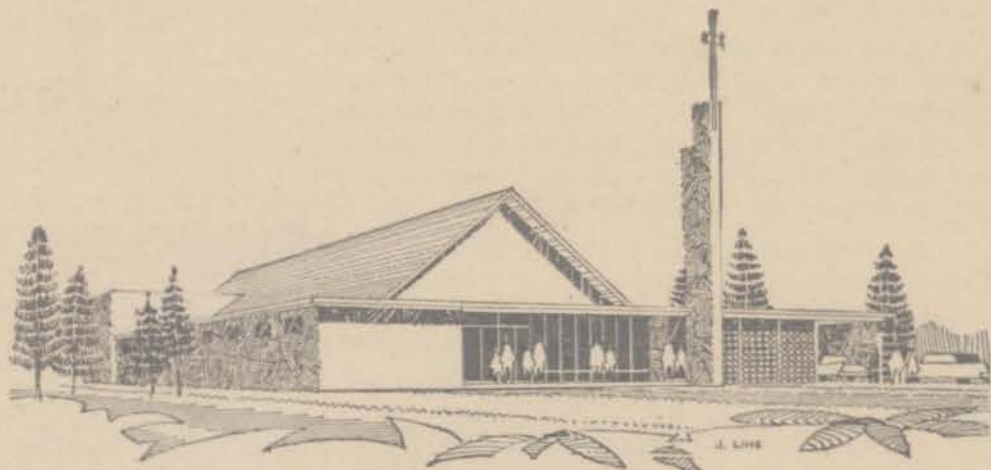
The building is modern and functional. It has an area of 24,526 square feet. This is broken down into an 800 seat

auditorium, classrooms, nine restrooms, lounge, nursery, two offices, kitchen, fellowship hall, furnace rooms, large foyer, coat rooms, hall ways, covered drive, etc. There are now 26 single classroom areas, one double room and two other areas that could be divided into as many as 17 more classrooms. This makes for a potential of 45 classrooms, which is probab-

ly the greatest number anywhere in the North Central area among churches of Christ.

Off-street parking is being provided for 200 cars. This will be nearly 1 1/2 acres of paved parking lot.

Total cost of the building proper is about \$148,000. Sewer, parking lot, furniture, etc. runs another \$30,000.



The New Plymouth Building

## Plymouth . . .

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Elders of the Plymouth church are W. F. Albright, Clark G. Finley and James Ward. Floyd E. Albright and Nick G. Baggett, Sr. are deacons. Ministers are Reeder Oldham and Billy Nicks.

Dale Kaiser was chairman of the building committee. Other members were W. H. Baskins, Clark Finley, Evan Flippen and Herbert Smithson. Reeder Oldham was chairman of bond sales.

The first service of the church of Christ in Plymouth was held in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole in 1938. Some preachers through the years have been: Vernon Magee, Eugene Holloway, Paul McAllister (still a member), Robert Hampton, Cameron Sinclair, Herman Neill, and Milton Truex. The original property was secured during the time brother McAllister worked with the church and this was expanded while brother Neill was in Plymouth. The first minister's home was purchased for brother Hampton and the present one while brother Truex was here.

Reeder Oldham began with the church in July 1960. In September 1962 the second minister was added, Billy Nicks.

The present membership of the church is about 225. Records recently set are:

Bible school	297
Sunday morning	341
Sunday evening	270
Wednesday night	201
Contribution	\$731.
(average for final quarter 1962)	

Altogether 267 have answered the invitation in the last 2 1/2 years. Fifty-six of these were baptisms.

The future looks very bright for the church in Plymouth. The whole west-suburban area is most promising for the Lord's work.

It is hoped that a full house will be present to hear Collins. Everyone is invited.