

# More Rain

## City School Board To Begin Negotiations For Property

City school trustees last night moved several steps closer to the selection of a site on the West Side for a future elementary school.

It was announced that appraisals had been made on two 12-acre parcels of property located in the following general areas:

1. Site B, fronted along the north side of Meder street generally between Bay street and Western drive. It does not extend through to High street. There is a 200-foot "buffer" zone between High street and the property being considered. The property is owned by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Allen and is bare land.

2. This is part of the original Site C. This site is across Meder street from Site B with most of its body extending southward. All but a half-acre is owned by Mr. and Mrs. A. F. George. The rest is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gai. The site area is developed with a dwelling and several farm buildings.

Trustee George Wilson said the appraisals should not be made public before negotiations can be made with the property owners.

Leon Torrey, business manager for the city schools, was instructed to approach the owners and ask for offers. If the offer of the owner of the site selected is not satisfactory, condemnation procedures will be started.

The appraisals were made by J. T. Nittler, realtor.

Money presently available to purchase property amounts to \$19,282, according to Torrey.

However, board members accepted a newly-appraised price figure of \$30,500 cash for 3.74 acres of school property at Almar and Mission streets. It will probably be placed officially on the market at the board meeting next Monday night. If this sale is made, it will bring to about \$50,000 the money available for site-purchases.

Trustees also accepted the finished job on the Mission Hill gymnasium. Plagued over the year by leaks, Torrey said that yesterday's heavy downpour failed to penetrate the repairs.