

RESTRAINING ORDER ISSUED

Bethel Township School Board
Is Enjoined From Erecting
New Building.

Plaintiffs Claim That There Is
Not Enough Money In
Fund.

Judge Kunkle granted a temporary restraining order today in the case of Samuel Detrick et al against the board of education of Bethel township. The action was brought last evening to enjoin the defendants from erecting a new school building at Olive Branch.

The case was heard on the petition, the plaintiffs claiming that the board had only about \$9,000 on hand to erect a building which will cost when completed and equipped, about \$18,000. Prosecutor Laybourne, who represented the board, denied this and claimed that there was enough money in the fund and in the course of collection to pay for the building. He announced, as soon as the order was taken, that he would file immediately a motion to dissolve the restraining order.

The board received bids for the erection of the new building today and the restraining order did not prevent the members from doing so, but it does prevent them from awarding the contract until the action is finally disposed of. The restraining order prevents the demolition of the old building or the construction and equipment of the said new one until the auditor of the county or the clerk of the board properly certifies that the money required for the payment of the obligations arising upon such contracts, is in the treasury of Bethel township to the credit of the fund or is in the course of collection, according to law. The board members claim that they can comply with the order of the court and that they will soon proceed with the erection of the new building.

The plaintiffs pray for an injunction on the grounds that the old building, where about 100 pupils now go to school, has never been declared unfit for use by the board; that it is not needed; that its erection would be an abuse of power on the part of the board members; that if the old building is too small, a wing should be erected.

The citizens of Medway and Donnoisville are said to be behind the fight, each wanting the new building erected in their midst, while Olive Branch is said to be about the center of the township. All of the members of the board, with the exception of J. B. Trumbo, are said to be in favor of the erection of the new building.