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PLYMOUTH FRIENDS check over tickets for their Feb. 29 card party to benefit Northville State Hospital patients just before going into the hospital for their monthly party for ward D-4. From left are Irene Duffey, Camille Watroba, Betty Hendry, party chairman, Julie Jacoby, Madalynne LaPorte

Plymouth Friends' Party Carries On A Tradition

Patients at Northville State Hospital will benefit from a card party scheduled by some of their long-time friends on Tuesday, Feb. 29, in the Farrand School in Plymouth.

The patients' benefactors and card party sponsors are, appropriately enough, the Plymouth Friends, who have been making regular visits to the hospital since 1958.

With funds raised from the party, they will be able to provide many things to make life pleasanter for the patients—things like the television set, refrigerator and draperies they have been instrumental in securing for NSH Ward D-4.

“THEY ARE very faithful visitors,” said Ruth Vieregger, therapist for Ward D-4. The patients really look forward to having them come.”

The Plymouth Friends group was organized in November of 1958 by Mrs. Vivian Champion, who had been a volunteer at Northville State Hospital and saw the need for a group that would visit regularly.

The first meeting was held in the Plymouth Library, and the first ward adopted by the Friends was C-22 at the hospital.

THROUGH THE YEARS, the Plymouth Friends have met each second Thursday of the month to plan a party. They go to the hospital to entertain the patients in their ward.

The parties have varied from month to month, but games, prizes and refreshments are always part of the program. Sometimes there is a craft project too.

Each year the Friends host an outdoor picnic in July, bigger parties with gifts and special refreshments are planned at Christmas and Easter.

August is the only month when the Plymouth Friends skip their visit. But on the regular party day in August the group sends a decorated cake to the ward.

WITH DONATIONS from fund-raisers like the Feb. 29 party, and by contacting Plymouth merchants, the group has been able to supply such extras as bedspreads, rugs, chairs, and draperies.

Active members of the Plymouth friends include: Mrs. Betty Hendry, chairwoman; Mrs. Madalynne LaPorte, secretary; Mrs. Irene Duffey, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Barbara Saunders, telephone secretary; and Mrs. Jan Fleming and Mrs. Camille Watroba, heads of the ways and means committee.

Others are Mrs. Julie Jacoby, Mrs. Doris Perish, Mrs. Helen Heilmiller, Mrs. Carol DeSantis, Mrs. Nona McFall, Mrs. Marge Morrison, Mrs. Ruth Jacobs, Mrs. Helen Vincent and Mrs. Carol Murphy.

Mrs. Betty Jones and Mrs. Dorothy Becker are inactive members who help with refreshments on an occasional basis.

THE TIME for the Farrand school party is 7:30 p.m., and tickets must be secured in advance by calling Mrs. D.S. Fleming, 41688 Greenbrier Lane, Plymouth. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Refreshments and prizes will be part of the evening's fun. The school is located at 41400 Greenbrier Lane.



JANE DAVISON
Mrs. J. Raymond Davison of Glenshaw, Pa., announces the engagement of her daughter, Jane Kathleen, to John J. Baessler Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Baessler of Farmington. The bride-elect is a graduate of Wooster College in Ohio and earned a master's degree in speech pathology from Michigan State University in 1971. She is employed by Pontiac General Hospital. Her fiancé graduated from Farmington High School in 1967 and from Michigan State University in 1971 and is employed by Sullivan-Smith, Inc. A March 18 wedding is planned.

DIANE HALL
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Hall of Berwyn avenue, Redford Township, announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane F., to Dale N. Stringer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Stringer of Flanders Avenue, Farmington. The bride-elect is a 1971 graduate of Thurston High School and employed in Livonia. Her fiancé graduated from Farmington High School in 1965 and from Wayne State University in 1970. He is employed by Carpentry by Woodcraft in Detroit. No wedding date has been set.

Spotlight on Women

GOP Women Plan Membership Tea

The Republican Women's Organization of Farmington will hold a membership tea at 1 p.m., Monday, Feb. 28, in the home of Mrs. Orville H. Foster, 33755 Braebury Ridge, Quaker Valley Farms, Farmington.

This will lead off its calendar of events for this election year.

The association will sponsor a bridge tournament the week of March 10 to 17. Players will meet in the homes of members, and donations will be made. Mrs. Ruth Henry will do the scoring.

On April 20, the members plan to attend a meeting of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. In May, a fund-raising social event will be held and in July the women will staff the GOP booth at the Farmington Festival.

A club roster is being compiled by Mrs. Herbert Harms, membership chairman. Dues should be submitted soon for the roster. The organization points out that beginning this year all political contributions entitle taxpayers to a deduction of up to \$50 per person under the president's new tax bill.

The association is also reminding members of the May 9 primary election. Final registration is April 7. Anyone 18 years old by May 9, a resident of the state six months and a resident of his present address for 30 days, may register.

Members of the Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club will honor their bosses at a special Boss Nite program in the Thunderbird Inn, 14707 Northville Road, Plymouth, at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 21.

Errol Mann, Detroit Lions football player, will be the guest speaker. There will also be a musical program. Reservations should be called in to Daisy Proctor, 43735 Shearwater, Plymouth, or Millie Blackford, 8855 Rocker, Plymouth, by Saturday, Feb. 19.

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