



DEMOCRATIC candidates met with Congressman Neil Staebler, who is seeking the Governorship, in a recognition dinner in his honor at the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth. Shown discussing campaign strategy are (from left): James

## Staebler Asks Tax Relief for State's Senior Citizens

Rep. Neil Staebler (D., Mich.) this week charged that the Republican government has failed tragically in the past two years to improve the position of Michigan's senior citizen.

At the same time, the Democratic candidate for governor announced his program for senior citizens, including a proposal for direct tax relief.

"The Republican government failed to deliver on its campaign promises. He let down our older people with his lie proposal which would have taxed them into the grave.

"Instead of a tax exemption, Romney's Republican plan called for tax deferral, which would place a lien on the older citizen's property. The tax would be repaid after death from the estate," Staebler said.

He cited two of the Republican government's unfulfilled campaign promises regarding senior citizens.

"Romney's promised support of stay-at-home and periodic health examinations for senior citizens evaporated into thin air. He promised support to revise licensing requirements for smaller nursing homes. But he didn't deliver," Staebler said.

Michigan's Congressman-at-large said he has worked hard for a Medicare bill and will continue vigorous support for passage by Congress of health care for the aged under Social Security.

"The Republican governor and Barry Goldwater both oppose Medicare. They don't agree with the Democratic position. In fact, Barry Goldwater flew across the country to vote against Medicare," Staebler said.

"As governor, in cooperation with a Democratic legislature, I will propose a homestead tax exemption on the first \$1,500 of assessed value. This is a realistic proposal which we can afford," Staebler said.

Staebler also proposed legislation prohibiting discrimination in employment on the basis of age, coupled with specialized job counseling and job placement services for older workers displaced by automation and movement of plants.

He proposed designation of an "Appointment with Health" month when those aged 65 or older would be able to have complete physical examinations with their personal physicians at minimal expense.

Staebler's program also calls for strengthening of the State Commission on Aging and for legislation to provide free hunting and fishing licenses for anyone over 65.

"The State of Michigan has a responsibility toward those who have contributed so much to our development," Staebler said.

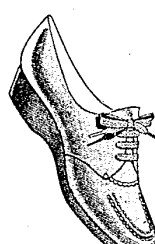
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## Area Obituaries

**FREDERICK W. BEITNER.** Services for Mr. Beitner, 80, of 347 N. Harvey Street, Plymouth, were conducted in the Schrader Funeral Home in charge of Rev. B. C. Carlson.

Mr. Beitner died Sept. 22 in his home. He was born May 18, 1884, in Traverse City, a son of William and Ella Egle Beitner. He moved to Plymouth from Traverse City in 1924 and was a retired engineer for Pere Marquette Railroad.

He was affiliated with the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Holland. Beitner was a member of the Railroad Brotherhood of Plymouth.

Surviving are: his wife, Mrs. Martha Beitner, two sons, Frederick and William of Plymouth.

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**MRS. ALICE MARY ROBERTSON.** Services for Mrs. Robertson, 85, of 211 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, who died Sept. 18 in Wayne County General Hospital, were conducted in the Schrader Funeral Home in charge of Rev. David Butler. Burial was in Ft. Meigs Cemetery in Perryburg, O.

Mrs. Robertson was born Oct. 5, 1869. She was a life member of the Order of Eastern Star, No. 115, of Plymouth.

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**MRS. WINIFRED E. BUTLER.** Services for Mrs. Butler, of 420 Irish, Plymouth, were conducted in the Lay of Good Council Church in charge of Rev. Fr. Francis Byrne with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Rosary services were held in the Schrader Funeral Home.

Mrs. Butler died Sept. 22 in Mt. Carmel Hospital. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Council Church and had resided in Plymouth since 1916.

Surviving are: two sons, James of Detroit and Pierce of Garden City; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Conway and Mrs. Catherine Byrne of Chicago; three brothers, Edward Kennedy of Chicago, Michael and Ray Kennedy of Ireland; and eight grandchildren.

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**CHESTER HOCKING.** Services for Mr. Hocking, 80, of 9416 Newburg Road, Livonia, were conducted in the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth in charge of Rev. Paul Greer with burial in Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Hocking died Sept. 23 in St. Mary Hospital. He was born June 1, 1884, in Calumet, Mich., a son of James and Emily Edie Hocking.

Mr. Hocking had resided in Livonia since 1934 and was a retired foreman for Ford Motor Co. He was a member of the Newburg Methodist Church.

Surviving are: his wife, Mrs. Katherine Hocking, a daughter, Mrs. Lois Hall of Lincoln Park; a son, Clifford of Plymouth; two sisters, Mrs. Edna Hall of Mayborn and Mrs. Flora Mitchell of Calumet; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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**EDSON HALL.** Services for Mr. Hall, 51, of 303 N. Holbrook in Plymouth, who formerly resided at 303 N. Holbrook in Plymouth, were conducted in the Schrader Funeral Home in charge of Rev. David Williams with burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Hall died Sept. 22 in Detroit. He was born Jan. 21, 1888, in Elston, Ill., and was a retired machinist for Plymouth Stamping Co. He left Plymouth in 1952 to



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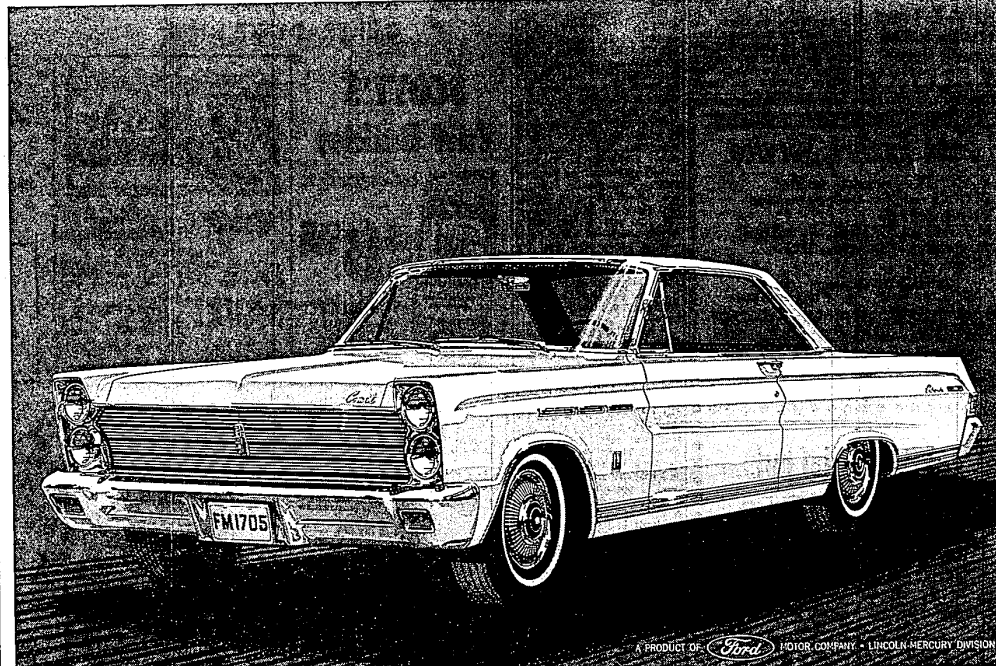
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