



"FASHIONS FOR YOU" will be the theme of the luncheon, card party and fashion show to be given by the Vivians at the Elks Lodge on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth on March 10. The event will feature clothes furnished by Graham's Suburban Casuals and modeled by two professional models. Storeowner Ralph Rostow shows some of the dresses to Mrs. Max Nicol, general chairman (left) and Mrs. Harry Taylor, ticket chairman. Tickets will be available at the club by calling Mrs. Taylor, 421-1728 or Mrs. Merv Williams, 453-3485.

Medicare Information Drive Opens in Twp.

A door to door campaign to inform elderly residents of their need to sign up for Medicare has started in Plymouth Township and will continue for two weeks, according to Edgar Wahlberg, Director of the Wayne County Economic Opportunity.

The program, known as Medicare alert, is being administered

Historical Society Will View Film

The Plymouth Historical Society will meet Thursday, March 10, in the Plymouth Community Federal Credit Union meeting room at 7:30 p.m. The program will be a film provided by the Consumers Power Co. called "Mich-I-Gan-I-A" that concerns "the robust years of the 19th century."

Last month's program was presented by Harry Reeves who went back in time by reciting the poem by Whittier called "Snowbound." Mrs. Bertha Tiffin read a letter from Dr. Adams, who now lives in Vermont, relating his fond memories of Plymouth.

Mrs. Zaida Burrows showed pictures of homes in Plymouth, taken back in 1890, that are still standing on Peninsular Ave. and show little change today. Also one of Main Street on July 4, 1909.

Old pictures have a great historical interest and the Society is fortunate in having a fine collection in our Museum. Mention was made of new arrivals at the Museum, including old pictures, jewelry made of human hair and a horsehide coat.

The Museum had 126 visitors in the month of January, in spite of the cold weather. More than 7,000 people have gone through the Museum since it opened.

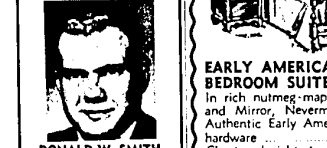
Name Plymouth Farm To Aberdeen-Angus

Ro Da Ja Farm, Plymouth, has been elected to membership in the American Angus Association at St. Joseph, Mo., announces Glen Bratcher, secretary.

There were 538 memberships issued to breeders of registered Aberdeen-Angus in the United States during the past month.

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Raps State Treasurer's Findings

PCHA Officials Deny Excessive Charges

Officers of the Peoples Community Hospital Authority in a released statement took exception with State Treasurer Allison Green's report that the PCHA charged excessive rates for hospital services.

Relying upon Blue Cross reports to participating hospitals, PCHA officials claimed rates charged "are not higher than other comparable hospitals in the Metropolitan area."

The average charge per diem for all Metropolitan Detroit hospitals for 1965 was \$50.36. PCHA hospital rates are as follows: Anna Polla, \$48.52; Beyer, \$46.17 and Outer Drive, \$50.32.

Blue Cross reports average charge per diem increased \$5.51 for all Metropolitan Detroit hospitals for 1965 over 1964.

During a three year period ending June 30, 1965, while Ann Arbor rates increased only \$4.23, Beyer rose \$2.55 and Outer Drive rates increased, \$4.87.

Officers also replied to Green's claim that charges for ancillary services are considerably higher in PCHA hospitals. "Peoples Community Hospital Authority, as well as all other Blue Cross participating hospitals, uses the Blue Cross/Blue Shield schedule of charges for x-ray, laboratory and electrocardiology. There are, therefore, charges by Peoples Community Hospital Authority are identical with comparable hospitals."

Blue Cross reports also indicate per diem costs at Ann Arbor, Beyer and Outer Drive were lower than other comparable hospitals during 1965.

The average per diem cost for all Detroit area Blue Cross

participating hospitals was \$46.88. PCHA per diem costs were: Ann Arbor, \$44.88; Beyer, \$44.82 and Outer Drive, \$42.49.

PCHA Officers also disputed Green's charge that the Authority has accumulated "excessive" cash. Disagreement with Green was based on the following conditions:

• Cash and Government Securities totaled \$3,244,000 at June 30, 1965, but of this amount \$303,000 was Debt Service Reserve Fund and "free" funds which are not available for hospital or Authority operations.

• PCHA owed \$1,236,900 in accounts payable and accrued expenses at June 30, 1965 for ex-

penses and obligations incurred prior to that date.

• The agreement under which PCHA issued bonds, which was submitted to the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission for review, requires that the Authority set aside each month enough money to pay the ensuing month's operating expenses. An average month's operating expenses totals \$1,080,000.

• This leaves \$623,000 in funds which have been earmarked by the PCHA Board of Directors to help pay for Seaway Hospital and Beyer Memorial Hospital construction costs.

"If the Peoples Community Hospital Authority had not been able to provide the \$3,929,100

from its own operation, it would not have been able to build and equip the hospital facilities it now furnishes its member communities because its borrowing power at the time the hospitals were built was not sufficient to borrow any more than it already had borrowed," the statement claimed.

"The fact that the Peoples Community Hospital Authority has demonstrated its ability to operate its hospitals at a profit is the deciding factor which now enables the Authority to borrow up to \$20,000,000."

"Now, for the first time, the bond houses are willing to consider hospital revenues in determining the borrowing capac-

ity of the Peoples Community Hospital Authority."

According to the reports given PCHA officials, the per diem costs exceed per diem charges for the years 1962, 1963 and 1964.

The Green report made references to "Almost 1.0 million dollars" of contingency in the Authority's construction fund account.

PCHA officials say the contingency fund "does not represent excess funds but just an estimate of the extent by which we estimated actual construction costs would exceed architect's preliminary cost estimates."

As of Friday (March 4), of

the \$900,000 originally budgeted for contingency in the construction fund only about \$200,000 remains because of increased costs.

The PCHA rebuttal to State Treasurer Green also claims its net working capital is only 4.4 times as much as in 1955 despite the fact the Authority has 5 times as many beds and the purchasing power of the dollar is considerably less now than in 1955.

Chairman of the Board of Directors Donald Pizemul told The Observer, a meeting has been arranged between PCHA representatives and the State Treasurer to discuss Green's report.



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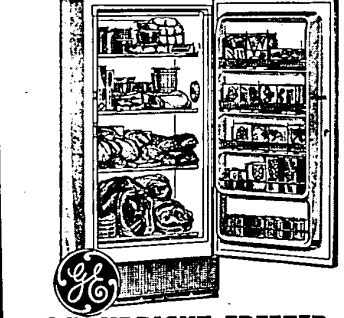
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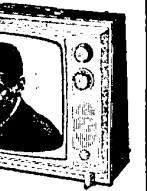
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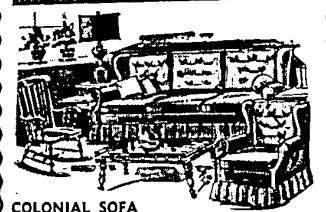
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