



ATTEND SEMINAR — Three Observerland girls were participants in the recent Young Peoples' Citizenship Seminar sponsored by the Michigan Farm Bureau and held on the Central Michigan University campus. All students who attended were selected by their local county Farm Bureau citizenship committees and will be making reports and presentations on their work there. From left are Kathy Love of Westland, Lou Ann Schultz and Cindy Green of Plymouth.

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# Inaugural Gown Replicas To Go On Tour In State

All the fashions unveiled to Michigan women this fall will not come from the salons of Paris and New York. America's past will make its contribution, too.

The Republican National Committee has selected Michigan as the first stop on a nationwide tour of 19 past Presidential inaugural Ball gowns. All hand sewn recreations of the originals.

This unique historical collection will be shown at GOP fund-raising events in five Michigan cities.

In this area, the showings will be in Ann Arbor Sept. 15 and in Bloomfield Township, Sept. 23.

MRS. WILLIAM G. MILLIKEN, Michigan's first lady, has agreed to model one of the gowns, the copy of Mrs. Mary Todd Lincoln's inaugural selection, in each show.

In addition to Lincoln, the styles of 18 other Presidential eras will also be presented.

They include George Washington, John Adams, James Madison, James Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Martin Van Buren, James K. Polk, Millard Fillmore, Ulysses S. Grant, James A. Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, Grover Cleveland, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Woodrow Wilson, Warren Harding, Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover.

Models for these gowns will be chosen from among women residing in the locale of each event.

THE ANN ARBOR SHOW,



FIRST LADY AS FIRST LADY—Mrs. William G. Milliken models a replica of the gown Mary Todd Lincoln wore for her inaugural ball. The hoop-skirt gown is royal purple velvet, and the seams are piped in off-white satin cording.

## Childbirth Movies

The Association Without Pain Education Association is sponsoring two public movie showings of "Triumph of Childbirth," in September.

The first will be Thursday, Sept. 3, at 8 p.m., in the Taylor High School Auditorium, 24715 Wick Rd., and the second will be in the Royal Oak Tribune Auditorium, Troy St., at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 8.

All adults may attend this movie which is an English language film of an actual childbirth demonstrating the psychophysical (Lamaze-Pavlov) method of painless childbirth. Admission will be 75 cents.

The Association will hold a picnic Sunday, Sept. 6, beginning at noon at Nollar Bend, Edward Hines Park. Signs will be posted to indicate the picnic area. Nollar Bend is between Inkster and Beech Dale.

Those wishing to help with the picnic are asked to call Jackie Gladstone at 866-3607. There will be a \$1 donation from adults, children free.

Two practice sessions will be held shortly, on two Saturday afternoons. The first will deal with relaxation, and the second, with breathing and pushing. Those wishing to register should call the new registrar, Sandra Thomas at 241-3895.

# League Wants Divorce Law Reform In State

Wholesale revamping of Michigan divorce law is the ultimate aim of a new organization of divorcees that includes many members in the Observer area.

"We'd like to see divorce cases taken out of the Circuit Courts and placed in a special family-type court," said Norman McKinney, Detroit, who heads the Marriage and Divorce Law Reform League.

Established as a non-profit organization last Feb. 20, the league now has more than 250 members, McKinney said, including residents of Livonia, Garden City, Redford Township, Westland, Southfield and Farmington.

THE LEAGUE recently mailed out a detailed newsletter in the hope of interesting more divorced persons in working to change divorce law with regard to the rights of husbands, wives and especially any children involved.

"Our aim," the newsletter stated, "is to make the laws more equitable and to force state agencies to carry out their statutory duties."

"This month's newsletter is being sent state-wide to inform the citizens of Michigan of new legislation affecting them in divorce matters and of the denial of their rights by state agencies."

McKINNEY SAID members of the league had worked successfully toward passage of a new child custody bill that was signed into law by Governor William B. Milliken July 20.

Membership is \$12 a year for a single person and \$18 for a couple (the divorcee and a second spouse). Those interested may contact McKinney, 837-4496, Terry King of Inkster, 728-3616, or Florence Mitchell of Milford, 363-8170.

# Poisoning Rates Drop This Summer

"Food poisoning is no longer seasonal," Dr. Richard V. Lechowich, Michigan State University food science expert, said. The usual summer rash of picnic poisonings has diminished to rates comparable to the rest of the year.

"Not only has the housewife educated herself with newspaper and magazine articles on better food handling, but meal preparation and eating habits have changed. This is the day of the big freezer and instant meals," he said.

Bacteria may yet have the last word, though, according to the MSU scientist. The latest escalation is a bacteria which lurks in soil, water, foods and in the intestines of many people. The human carriers seem immune to the bacteria's poisons, but other people are not.

"THE BACTERIA. Clostridium perfringens," is going to become better known," warns Dr. Lechowich.

"However, this bacteria will make little headway against alert housewives, who can get the upper hand when good food handling procedures are used."

Food service establishments are also vulnerable, says Dr. Lechowich.

Last year in one school alone there were 1,800 confirmed cases of poisoning from "Clostridium perfringens."

"Beef, fowl and pork, in that order, are among the most vulnerable of foods to the Clostridium," he said. "These are also favorite foods of salmonella and staphylococcus."

Prevention of food poisoning is the same with just about any bacteria, and extra precautions must be taken with popular kitchen tools such as the cutting board or mixing bowl.

"FOR EXAMPLE, a cook should never place boiled chicken giblets on an unwashed cutting board previously used to cut up uncooked chicken," Dr. Lechowich said.

"When someone puts cooked food on the contaminated cutting board and the cooked food can easily become contaminated. If it is eaten right away, it probably would do no harm, but when it is slowly or insufficiently heated or sits around several hours or so, those bacteria grow and multiply."

TO AVOID food poisoning the food handlers should:

- Keep everything clean.
- Keep the temperature of vulnerable foods out of the temperature ranges bacteria thrive at. The foods should be kept below 45 degrees or above 145 degrees. Leftovers should be refrigerated promptly and reheated thoroughly.
- A good practical rule to follow when you are uncertain about a food remains: "When in doubt, throw it out!"

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