

Michigan Mirror

DIABETES DEATH RATE IN STATE ABOVE U.S. AVERAGE

Among the five leading causes of death in Michigan, diabetes is the only disease with a Michigan death rate which is higher than the rate for the country as a whole, the Michigan Department of Health reports.

Health authorities said that Michigan's diabetes death rate in 1954 was 29.9 deaths per hundred thousand population, considerably higher than the estimated rate for the nation which stood at 15.4.

Reporting 1,469 diabetes deaths in Michigan last year, the department pointed to excessive thirst, loss of weight, continual hunger and frequent urination as most common symptoms of the disease. Health officials cautioned that persons are more likely to develop the condition if there is a history of diabetes in the family.

Studies cited also show that the disease occurs more often among overweight persons and among people over 40 years of age. Urging more emphasis on early detection of diabetes, the department noted that "the disease often can be found even before symptoms occur through tests of the blood and urine which can be made by a doctor."

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Plans Under Way For Construction Of New Hospital

Plans for the construction of a new 350-bed general hospital to replace existing facilities at Detroit's Providence Hospital, announced recently by Sister Mary Elizabeth, administrator of the hospital.

An exception to the zoning restrictions in Grosse Pointe Park, where the new hospital will be located, was required. The Zoning Board of Appeals granted the exception in zoning which limits building height to three stories or 35 feet in height.

The hospital will be constructed on a 15-acre tract of land on Nine Mile Road, 500 feet west of Greenfield Road. The petition revealed. The tract is under option to Providence Hospital, but presently is owned by the J. L. Hudson Company.

The proposed site is one-quarter mile northeast of Northland Center.

It is expected that detailed plans of the new hospital will be completed later this year and construction will start thereafter. Construction costs have been estimated at \$9,000,000.

The hospital building will consist of three separate buildings, including a multi-story main building and two auxiliary service buildings.

The main building will consist of two nine-story wings: a five-story service wing for surgery, obstetrics, food preparation, central supply, and storage; a three-story clinical wing housing pharmacy and x-ray and hydrotherapy facilities, and a one-story laundry.

One of the service buildings will be a five-story nurses' home and the other will be a one-story structure housing a power plant and maintenance shops.

Providence Hospital is operated by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, an international order of Catholic nuns, with headquarters in the eastern part of this country at Emmitsburg, Maryland.

In addition to the order also operates the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Home for Children, and the Marielle Apartments, both in Farmington, and St. Joseph's Retreat, in Dearborn.

Sister Mary Elizabeth said that the present hospital will continue to be used until the new hospital is completed. Plans for use of the existing building later this date, however, have not been finalized, she added.

LAW REQUIRING GRADING OF BUTTER NOW EFFECTIVE

There will be less likelihood of the Michigan housewife being disappointed in her butter purchases in the future as the result of a recent state law requiring compulsory butter grading and the marking of butter grading below 90 score as "undergrade."

The law was passed at the last session of the legislature and became effective October 14. Enforcement rests with the Michigan Department of Agriculture, which is responsible for enforcing all state laws applying to milk, butter, cheese and other food.

Representatives of the Department's bureau of dairying already are checking supplies to make sure butter is meeting grade requirements. All butter is scored or graded by taste, smell, appearance and wrapper.

Most of the butter offered in Michigan scores 90, 91 or 92 with an occasional exceptional lot scoring as high as 93. Butter that scores below 90 is under grade, according to E. M. Sliver, chief of the Agricultural Department's dairy bureau.

"Butter scoring below 90," said Sliver, "is just not good butter, and the consumer is entitled to know he is buying a product that is under grade."

The new law requires that inferior butter be so designated. Butter scoring below 90 will carry the word "undergrade" in letters not less than three-eighths of an inch high as an aid to the purchaser.

The Michigan Commission of Agriculture recently gave preliminary approval to a regulation setting standards for grading of butter. Hearings will be held on this before final approval is given.

Last week at the Michigan State University dairy conference a butter grading demonstration was conducted. Soon the Department will begin licensing industry butter grades as required by the new regulation, which is regarded as one of the best butter laws in the nation.

Shortage Of Strawberry Plants Appears Likely

Strawberry plants for next year should be ordered immediately, according to Harry K. Bell, extension small fruits specialist at Michigan State University.

Last summer's hot dry weather killed many plants in nurseries, Bell reports. As a result, he advises Michigan strawberry growers to order now to be sure of getting all the plants they need for next year.

The shortage of plants will be particularly noticeable in the newer varieties, Bell warns.

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