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For more information, contact Joyce Powers, chairperson, e-mail: joycepowers@comcast.net or 810/229-2149.

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ME:

ADDRESS:

Renew ( ) Send Membership Card yes ( ) no ( )

Dues: ( ) $500.00 Life ( ) $25.00 Couple ( ) $50.00 Bus/Professional
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WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
January 10, 7:30 p.m.: Plymouth Historical Society. Program: "Emil Metatia, Local Civil War Legend", 155 S. Main St.

FACING THE FACTS
A very lonely young woman made an appointment with a psychiatrist. She walked into his office and said, "Doctor, I'm so depressed and lonely, I don't have any friends, no man will come near me and everybody laughs at me. Can you help me accept my ugliness?"

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