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CLEAN SWEEP

Ready for "clean sweep day" are (from left) Edward Winniki, Paul Wicker, Mrs. Joan Barbrick, Walter Sundquist, and Robert Chirst. (Photo by Ralph Evert)

'Week' theme is extended

By DAN McCOSH

Michigan Week, the seven-day celebration of the best parts of life in the state, will be informally extended to tie in with the Farmington Sesquicentennial this year, according to Michigan Week Chairman Peter Prokop.

The week, sponsored annually by the Greater Michigan Foundation in cooperation with the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, is May 15-25. It has been extended to include May 15, 16 and 18, the performance dates of the Mike Whori show on Farmington.

The "new" days have been named "Our Heritage Day," "Spiritual Foundation Day," and "Community Pride Day."

The remainder of the schedule includes Statewide Spiritual Foundation Day, Our Government Day, Statewide Our Heritage Day, Our Livelihood Day, Education Day, Hospitality Day, and Our Youth Day.

Community Pride Day will be celebrated locally as the Businessmen's Clean Sweep Day May 18. Cosponsored by the Farmington Beautification Commission the "Clean sweep" involves businessmen making

a tour of their establishments and working on what needs attention.

All churches in the city are encouraged to include references to Michigan Week May 19, Spiritual Foundation Day.

Mayor's Exchange Day this year will be between Farmington and Flushing, and between Farmington Hills and Woodhaven May 20.

A tour of the cities is planned for the day.

Our Livelihood Day May 22 will be hosted by the Farmington Exchange Club at the Salem Church in downtown Farmington.

The public schools are planning a special calendar of events to celebrate education Day May 23.

Hospitality Day will be honored by local businesses and restaurants May 21.

Youth Day May 25 will be the occasion for the presentation of awards by the beautification commission to all youth groups who have conducted an environmental project since June 1972.

Youth leaders are asked to contact Chairman Mrs. Joan Barbrick, or the youth awards chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Cassell to be included in the ceremony.

Continuity is key to community success

Success should lead to mor success — for communities as well as for individuals — in the opinion of Michigan's First Lady.

Mrs. Helen Milliken, keynote speaker for the Farmington Community Involvement Conference last week, told the gathering "success with a winner should mean the community goes on to more winners."

As an example of what she meant, she named the popular Farmington Founders' Festival.

"The keynote there was early support, and that led to building each year," she said.

"But too often communities think of these big events as separate, not connected with the rest of the year."

"I've done a lot of work with Ar-train, and in bringing it into communities I've tried to get across to the local leaders the idea that if the community is not a better place for having had this beautiful exhibit, then we have failed."

MRS. MILLIKEN SAID people in all communities have "hopes and aspirations about what they hold important for their home."

"There are four things we know about all communities," she went on. "All have many strengths, and all

have needs and and desires, whether these are stated formally or simply expressed in an informal way.

"All communities also have many resources, both physical and human, and all have an inherent desire to work toward improvement."

THIS KIND OF GROWTH. Mrs. Milliken added, has to be a do-it-yourself project.

"Whatever a community does, it must do for itself," she stated, "outsiders cannot do those things that make a difference."

"I have seen what started out to be an innovative program turn out to be a community educational experience because it started with those who cared about their home."

IN LOOKING at community development, Mrs. Milliken said, "we need to look at successful projects with newly-sensitized vision, and the heart of the matter is in education."

"It is important to have a good financial base, but when you get beyond that there remains something which has to do with the quality of life as it is lived in that community."

"Our young people are showing us the way, telling us that the air we breathe and the water we drink are more important than gadgets and that

our human relationships are more important than profits."

And because improved communication leads the way to improving activity, she suggested that "conferences such as this one have to make a difference."

"It is possible for people to bring about changes," she added. "The community will change as the result of what is happening today."

Taking note of Farmington's 150th birthday celebration this year, the speaker noted that "after so many years, the Farmington community obviously is not ready to retire on its birthday."

ANOTHER CONFERENCE SPEAKER was Bryce Robinson, whose Farmington firm makes profiles of many communities in the country from the standpoint of income, image, growth potential and other standards.

He said community leaders should be aware of low potential residents; both businesses, and individuals, view the area.

"Communities," Robinson declared, "are viewed by the way they take care of their young, their sick and their aged."



KEYS TO THE CITY

Mrs. William Milliken accepts the keys to the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills from Mayor Robert McConnell (left) and Mayor Ralph Yoder. (Evert photo)

Farmington college branch is set to open its doors

By CARL STODDARD

FARMINGTON HILLS—A new college in Farmington Hills has begun registration for its first fall term.

The Farmington Campus of John Wesley College, 27000 Farmington Rd., is a branch of the John Wesley College in Owosso.

The private, nondenominational college offers a degree in liberal arts. According to Mrs. Nancy Bates, administrative assistant, the college is religiously oriented but will not offer religion courses.

She said the college will offer regular college courses, adult education classes and travel programs. There is

also a guidance center at the campus that will give counseling to anyone desiring it.

Classes have been underway since February 9, but less than 100 students have enrolled so far. By Sept. 28, the start of fall term, Mrs. Bates said she expected that number to more than double.

There will be an open house on campus May 23, from 1-3 p.m. to announce the official opening. Mrs. Bates said members of the chamber of commerce, mayors from both Farmington Hills and the City of Farmington and the public are invited. Refreshments and music will be provided.

The campus now consists of a church and an almost-completed administrative building, Mrs. Bates said. Two more buildings are planned.

The college has received accreditation from several institutions and has received tentative accreditation from the North Central Conference, a major accrediting institution, she said.

She said full accreditation from North Central would probably come within the next few years.

Mrs. Bates also said that the Farmington Campus has the highest number of instructors with doctorates of any college in the state.

The campus is located between 11 Mile and 12 Mile roads on Farmington Rd., across from the Oakland Community College.

Few candidates filing early

As of Friday, the only person to file for Farmington Board of Education is George W. Bowman, 2223 Ridgebrook, according to Michael Flanigan, the man in charge of the school election this year.

There are three seats on the Farmington Board of Education which will need to be filled.

They are presently occupied by Mrs. Lillian Allen, Dr. Burton S. Knighton, and Hugh Stewart. Two of

the seats carry with them a four year term while one is for a single year.

So far none of the members of the board have filed for re-election.

Final day to file is Monday at 4 p.m. Monday at five is the last hour in which one may register to vote and make the deadline for the school election which will include both the contest for School board candidates and a request to voters for a four mill school tax.



STOKING UP

Kimberly Wuertz gets a feel for an old schoolhouse

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