

Primary votes pick delegates

By TIM RICHARD

Both major parties will hold a presidential preference primary next Tuesday. Beyond that, any resemblance between the Republican and Democratic systems is pure coincidence.

The major parties have such different internal procedures and traditions of operation that the Michigan legislature wrote two entirely different systems into the primary law.

In each case the presidential candidate is nominated by a national convention.

REGIONAL ROUNDUP

SPRUING UP

Birmingham spent most of this week getting ready for the first visit of a president of the United States that anyone could remember.

Gerald Ford was scheduled to make a speech and shake hands of people on Wednesday at the Birmingham Shabak Park. Trees were trimmed, grass was cut and signs were removed as the city banished itself for a presidential visit.

As City Manager Robert Kenning said, "It's like when your mother comes to dinner. You clean the bathroom."

MINI-WHITE HOUSE

Troy's Somersett Inn too was bustling with activity this week as Ford's campaign staff moved in to prepare for the president's visit. The inn, which had already booked before the president's visit was stated, as campaign workers were scattered throughout Somersett and were working from cramped quarters. Perhaps most nervous of all was Somersett's food and beverage director Donald Clark, who personally cooked the president's dinner.

MICHIGAN WEEK PARADE

The greater West Bloomfield area's annual Michigan Week parade will get under way at 10 a.m. Saturday at Orchard Lake City Hall. Orchard Lake and Long Lake roads will travel southward to West Bloomfield High School.

Before the parade, an awards ceremony will be held at West Bloomfield Township Hall, 4400 Orchard Lake Road, to announce winners of the bicentennial writing contest.

Orchard Lake Road will be closed from Long Lake Road to Maple from 10 a.m. to noon according to Township Police Chief Alfred McGee.

BICYCLING BUFFS

Bicycling buffs from throughout greater Detroit will converge on the Oakland University campus May 23 for the annual Bicycling Picnic. Details for the Sunday event will be shared at Southfield-based Michigan Heart Association and the Metro-Detroit Council of American Youth Hostels. Slated to be on hand are former Tiger great Hal Newhouser, Lions star Larry Hand, Mr. Belvedere and Sir Graves Ghastley.

TAXES GOING UP

The City of Farmington Council voted this week to increase the city tax levy by 1.5 mills because of increased expenses in the 1976-77 budget year. The proposed millage would increase the local tax rate from 9.75 mills to 11 mills. The council originally was contemplating raising millage to 11.5 but raised that rate after considering expenses.

TAX Hike PROPOSED

Resident of Orchard Lake will face a quarter-mill tax hike when tax bills go out July 1 if the council adopts its proposed \$428,516 budget.

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