Portage mayor recounts visit to Hills

500,000 people. A state university, two four-year colleges, a community college and a business college are within a five-mile radius of Portage.

It's similar in size to Farmington Hills, but has about 25,000 fewer residents. The city has 11 parks and 400 marces of recreational land.

It is part of an industrial and marbeling center that boasts 60 communities, 2,000 square miles and MARSCHKE'S VISIT to Farming-

from Larkshire won first place for the banner contest at the second-grade level.

These national winners were first-place winners in Michigan and first-place winners in the East Central Di-vision of states before being sent to Washington, D.C., for final judging.

Other state winners included Larkshire second grader Nicole Cruse in the poster area, and Larkshire lifth grader Merredythe Gundy in stamp design. Each won a second place in the East Central Di-vision.

This year's DAR contest theme was "The Making of the U.S. Constitution." Nineteen state awards were received in addition to the four divisional awards and two national awards. All entries were judged by grade level and by category at each tudging stage.

Typically, Mayor's Exchange Day, sponsored by the Michigan Municipal League, produces many worthy ideas for Portage.

"The number of administrators taking part demonstrates how important this exchange is to the operation of our city," said Marsehke, mayor for 18 months and formerly a councilman for five years.

In Farmington Hills, Marschke particularly liked the "Life Light" he read about in city literature. In emergencies, residents can switch this front-yard light to flashing so that police officers, fireflighters or paramedics can easily find their none.

"We're going to look at the light to see if it would help increase the se-curity of our citizens," Marschke sald.

numbernse was impressed that economic development hasn't sidestepped Farmington Hills even though the city shies from tax breaks.

"We use them liberally. We've given out a few dozen," Marschke said.

He prefers the conservative approach to tax breaks and applauds Farmington Hills.

"You seldom use them yet your economic growth is astounding," he said, "That goes to show you don't have to use them to have economic growth. I believe that's a very responsible way of handling citizens' money."

money."

Through the Portage Business Relations Program, the city tries to solve problems identified by local businesses. The program also keeps businesses abreast of what government resources are available to them.

PORTAGE'S ROAD problems aren't as severe as Farmington Hills', But the city still has 10 miles of residential roads that need rebuilding, Marschke said.

Traffic congestion is a particular problem near the city's two major mails, Crossroads and Southland.

To ease the slowdown, Portage plans to build a \$1.7 million, four-iane boulevard.

"We'll also improve the intersec-tions to five lanes in all four direc-tions and computerize the traffic sig-nals to more effectively handle traf-fic flow," Marschke said.

When Farmington Hills officials visit Portage today, they'll see Woodbridge Hills, a planned unit de-velopment of apartments, condomin-

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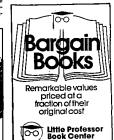
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ers, Allen Test Products.
Today's agenda also includes viewing an artist's rendering of the new Portage City Hall, a \$3.5 million, 27,000-square-foot building planned for a site called "The Triangle."

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The tour also may include a stop at Upjohn Pharmaceutical, one of 30 Fortune 500 companies headquar-tered in the Portage area.

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Local Farmington students were state and national winners in the Junior American Citizens sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Students from Larkshire Elementary and Our Lady of Sorrows Elementary participated in several constants. She wan an honorable mentary participated in several constants.

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