

To Raise \$5,000

Grandmother Swings With Musical

By BETTY MASSON
A "swinging grandmother" is hoping to raise \$5,000 for the Farmington Community Center this summer.

students in Farmington will be pointed toward a musical production to be presented Aug. 26, 27 and 28 in Harrison High School.

And incidentally give a lot of Farmington youngsters some opportunities she never had.

It's in this way that Mrs. Miller hopes to raise the \$5,000 for the community center.

The grandmother is Eileen Miller, who is the director of a new venture, a summer theater workshop which is being presented under the sponsorship of the center. "Swinging" is the term applied to her by her three granddaughters.

She admits that this is one way of getting rid of her own frustrations. A psychology major in college (McMasters

University in Hamilton, Ont.) she didn't learn about her talents in music and theater until she lived in Nashville, Tenn.

But she says, "I'm too old to go into show business." So she takes a vicarious pleasure out of helping others, and her latest project is one of many.

Mrs. Miller learned to play the guitar, ukulele and banjo while in Nashville and became expert enough to be a guitar teacher for the past 10 years.

"You can't come out of Nashville without music," she says enthusiastically. Today she "reads music as most people read books."

In Tennessee, she staged many shows for the Murfreesboro Veterans Hospital, as well as children's shows.

SINCE MOVING to Far-

mington five years ago, she has put on five shows for adults and two for children. All have been staged in Farmington Village townhouses, utilizing the talents of members of the 253 families who live there.

The latest, "Showboat," will be presented around the pool the night of July 10.

For the Community Center show, she plans to use the best of "My Fair Lady," "South Pacific," "Damn Yankees" and "Hair." Mrs. Miller will be writing the continuity.

A preliminary meeting for children and their parents was held at the center recently. Auditions are being held this week for everyone who signed up, and then Mrs. Miller will begin to build the show, with the help of Bea Seaglione, Chris Leonard, Ellen Dietrich and Carol Kennedy.

All talents will be utilized. There will be acting classes, makeup classes, dancing and singing classes, and even scenery painting classes. Mrs. Miller is anxious for parents to help out, but promises they'll be used only as overseers. The children can learn by doing. And a musical is a perfect

way to let everyone participate. You can always change the chorus line, says Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Miller, of course, will be one of the swingingest everseers. Not only can she play the guitar and act, she also paints and sews, both for her productions and in her spare time.

Campers Will Study French

Students will have an opportunity to study French this summer at a Michigan camp. Boys and girls 12 to 17 years old may attend the French

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