



ONE OF THE BIG REASONS for the success of the Founders Festival is due to the continuity in the chain of command. Vernon Lunn (left) last year's chairman assumes an advisory role as he hands the gavel over to Robert Smith, this year's general chairman who was last year's executive vice chairman.

# Quakers Mark Anniversary During '71 Founders Festival

The Evangelical Friends Association (Quakers) will mark its 160th anniversary of the organization's first Quaker meeting in Michigan in Farmington on Saturday, July 31, a date that will coincide with the last day of the 1971 Farmington Founders Festival.

On July 31 at 3:30 p.m. there will be a program emphasizing Farmington's Quaker heritage held in the Christian Science Church at 3325 Grand River west of Farmington Rd.

THAT SAME day, at 8 p.m., there will be an interfaith unprogrammed prayer meeting emphasizing free

worship, song, testimony baptism of the Holy Spirit and manifestation of spiritual gifts in the manner of Friends.

"We call such a gathering a 'freshing meeting,' similar to old-time Baptist and Methodist revivals," explains Carl Davidson of Detroit.

Davidson, a member of the Detroit Friends Meeting and a teacher at Wayne County Community College, wrote a series of historical articles on Quaker pioneers in Farmington for the special Festival editions published last year by the Farmington Enterprise & Observer.

"Unfortunately, no groups have stressed the values of peace, justice and racial brotherhood which the Quakers of old Farmington upheld so valiantly in their day," adds Davidson.

THE QUAKERS plan on having a booth or table in Farmington during the three days of the Founders Festival to distribute tracts and Bible portions and advertise Saturday's meetings.

The evening meeting Saturday will either be in the Christian Science Church or outdoors, weather permitting.

An historical marker on Grand River near the city hall marks the site of the place where the first Quaker meeting was held by Farmington's founders.

The old Quaker cemetery is still located in Farmington on Gill Rd. just south of Grand River. Among the early founders buried there are Norman Lee, Esbeck Brown and Arthur and Nathan Power.

Arthur Power, an ancestor of Philip H. Power, publisher of Observer Newspapers, Inc., was the first white settler in Farmington in 1824.

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Other early settlers included: Dr. Ezekiel Webb, a Quaker physician; and Howland Mason, a miller. After the Farmington Quaker

meeting was organized, Arthur Power donated two acres of land on Gill south of Grand River for a meetinghouse site and burial ground.

In 1832 the meetinghouse was erected and the first burials were those of Selinda Power and her seven-year-old daughter who died during the great cholera epidemic on Aug. 7, 1832.

The early Quakers in Farmington, directed by Nathan Power, operated an underground railroad for slaves from Farmington to Ann Arbor. Nathan Power, a schoolmaster, built the first school in Farmington. Nathan was superintendent of the Farmington underground railroad and his home was used as a "station."

## Frosh Flash

Bob Solomon, Wayne State University sophomore basketball standout, set a Tatar single-game freshman scoring record of 39 points at Ferris State last year.

## Who's Behind Scenes Planning Big Festival

Filling three full days with events, activities and excitement is a challenging job but has been handled with expertise by the Farmington Founders Festival executive

committee and its crew of able assistants. General chairman for this year's event is Robert Smith of 2109 Laurelwood, Farmington, who is president of

Metro Metal Products, Inc., Detroit. Smith prepared himself for the general chairmanship by serving as executive vice chairman for the Festival committee last year plus participating in games and contests for all ages including a scavenger hunt for teenagers and an egg throwing contest for husbands and wives.

A CONTINUITY in the line of command is maintained by having the general chairman serve as advisor the following year.

The advisor role for this year's festival was assumed by Vernon Lunn, last year's general chairman, who is a vice president of Hamilton International Corp. of Farmington.

Festival executive vice chairman this year, who'll become general chairman in 1972, is D. Keith Deacon who was special events director for last year's Festival and is a branch manager for Manufacturers National Bank at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake in Farmington.

First vice chairman and director of special events this year is Hayden Cameron, who also directed the 1971 Festival International Pigeon Derby, of Thompson-Brown Co. of Farmington.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN is John Bailey who is also serving as public relations director with the able assistance of Mrs. Carol Kurth and Mrs. Rose Ann Park. Bailey is self-employed and is a past president of the Farmington Area Jaycees.

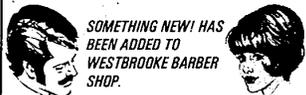
Continuity is also provided through the office of Festival administrator which is held by Mrs. Barb Benya, executive secretary of the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Farmington Township Planning Commission.

Treasurer is James Wibby of the Metropolitan Bank of Farmington and secretary is Mrs. Jeanne Young, a teacher at Farmington Junior High.

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