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Farmington Orchestra Is Formed

A friendly atmosphere for amateur musicians to play in a community symphony orchestra is offered by the new Farmington Community Orchestra, according to Conductor Hal Kacanek.

The orchestra has been invited to participate Nov. 20 in a joint concert with the Farmington Community Band, and plans for future appearances are in the making.

The string instrumentalists are stepping along the path first made by the Farmington Community Band, directed by another Farmington public school music instructor, Paul Barber.

Interested players are invited to attend rehearsals at Farmington High, room 105C on Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m.

Kacanek added the rehearsal date may be changed to Thursday if it might improve participation.

Kacanek is currently director of the Farmington High Orchestra.

"We're not going to be like Oakway," Kacanek said, referring to another new symphony now being organized in the area.

"The purpose of the community orchestra is to provide an outlet for musical performance for those interested individuals who might not otherwise have an opportunity to play in an orchestra or who are looking for further orchestral experience," said Kacanek.

"I think they are looking for a more professional level of playing."

The Farmington symphony is expected to be composed of both qualified students and adults.

THE NEW symphony "won't be as professional" as the new Oakway Symphony, but the Farmington Community Orchestra is expected

to provide a place for string instrumentalists to play. (Evert photo)

Community Groups Make 150th Celebration Plans

The 150th birthday of the Farmington area will tie together most of the year's events in 1974.

About 75 representatives of Farmington community organizations met Wednesday afternoon to discuss plans for the big event.

"We're lucky. Most of the activities are already organized and it's just a matter of emphasizing the sesquicentennial," Chairman John Anhut said.

He outlined a program where much of the year's ac-

tivities, such as the Founder's Festival, the Memorial Day Parade and the Chamber of Commerce dinner would have a common theme.

"With all this volunteer support, there is no reason to depend on professionals," he continued, referring to the \$55,000 Ypsilanti recently spent on consultants for a similar celebration.

The turnout at the luncheon indicated strong support of the event.

Mrs. Howard Warner and Philip Power were named

as honorary co-chairmen, and chamber of commerce Executive Director Ed Lane was lining up other chairmanships as the meeting ended.

Lane will be the key contact, working through the chamber of commerce office.

"This eliminates overhead," Anhut said.

The chamber will act as a coordinating committee for any organization planning an activity, he added.

Some of the plans being formed include:

- Issuing a sesquicentennial coin.
 - Bringing the U.S. Marine Band to the Founder's Festival.
 - Printing a new promotional pamphlet on Farmington.
 - A historical theme for the Chamber of Commerce dance.
 - A community play honoring the event.
- The heavy emphasis on volunteer work dominated the discussion.
- "We've got the ideas, now we need people to do them," Anhut concluded.

Paper Wins Press Awards

Best news reporting . . . best personal column . . . best sports coverage . . . and overwhelmingly the outstanding feature stories.

These were among the accolades bestowed this week upon Observer Newspapers Inc. by the Michigan Press Association for the year ending March 31, 1973 as once again ONI writers captured many of the major honors in

the state's premier journalistic competition. Entries in eight categories were submitted last spring in accordance with MPA circulation classifications, and judging was conducted by a panel of publishers from the Iowa Press Association.

ONI entries were classed among those of the highest circulation (the seven Ob-

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CHAIRMAN of the sesquicentennial celebration is John Anhut. (Evert photo).

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