



**McCosh's Column**

**Theme Thoughts**

The Farmington sesquicentennial theme contest, announced in Wednesday's Enterprise and Observer, deserves some inspirational notes.

The 150th birthday committee, planning the festivities for the coming year, is anxious to come up with a descriptive phrase which somehow encompasses the true spirit of the celebration.

Entries, due Oct. 26 at the Farmington Chamber of Commerce, are supposed to be short, since the theme may be inscribed on the face of a coin, and relevant to both history and the present community.

The fame and fortune promised to the winner of this literary competition is likely to lure thousands to put pen to paper.

Readers of this column should therefore appreciate a plan of action which should give them a substantial edge in the competition.

To begin with, one should pick up a copy of "Farm-

ington, A Pictorial History," Lee Peel's collection of history, photographs and trivia about the area.

In it one will learn that subdivision lots once went for 31 cents apiece, although it was a three-day commute to Detroit, and nobody had heard of a subdivision in 1823.

One will also learn why Quakers are referred to in various signs about town, and how N.H. Power predicted the suburbanization of Farmington in 1928.

Then walk downtown and look at the Masonic Temple, and think about how many years it served as town hall, library and the visual center of the community.

Go by the old Warner place, to honor the only governor Farmington ever produced and remember it is on

the remains of an old Indian trail.

You might tour one of the cemeteries, or check out the Winery building, and try to picture the days it was a powerhouse for the Detroit Urban Railway system.

Then you go up and buy a bag of apples and a jug of cider at a roadside stand and sit down on your front porch, if you have a front porch. (I think the winner of this contest will have a front porch.)

Look up for a bit at the trees changing, and listen to the sound of the kids' bicycle wheels crunching the dry leaves.

Take a sip of the cider and chomp on the apple.

By now you ought to have been inspired. If not, it wasn't a bad way to spend a Saturday.

**local news**

By MARIE LONG GR 4-3114

Mrs. John Kaufmann and her daughter, Beverly, of Nine Mile Road recently returned from Salt Lake City, where they attended the wedding of a nephew, John Kaufmann III, who married Miss Carolyn Bransford of Salt Lake.

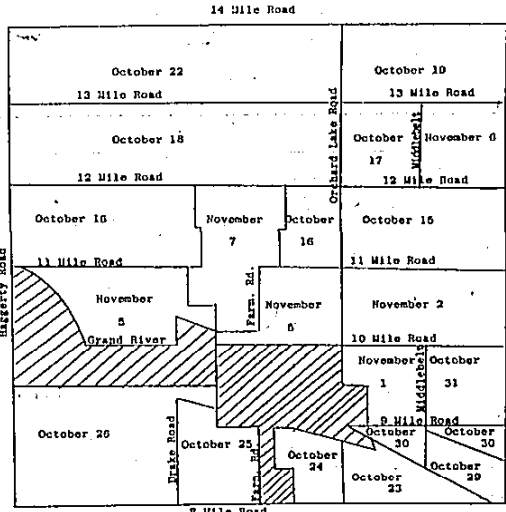
They also visited a niece, Mrs. Robert Owlsey and family, of Santa Ana, Calif.

Mrs. Richard (Evelyn) Jeffery of Wesley Drive is currently hospitalized at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia, in the west-wing, Room 441-B2, for tests and treatment. Get well cards are welcome, as Evelyn can't have any visitors at this time. I wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Murray Dowding and Mrs. Ray White of Oakland Ave., drove to the upper pen-

insula recently, where Mrs. Dowding spent some time looking for fancy stones. She and her sister visited St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie for a pleasant 10 days.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
FALL CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE



**Big Trash Pickup Set Next Week**

FARMINGTON Appliances, furniture and other large items not covered by the regular pickup will be picked up at the Farmington Hills fall cleanup beginning Oct. 15.

Hours will be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Items should be placed out before 7 a.m. on the day scheduled for the neighborhood.

Junk cars will be picked up after they are cleared through Irv Yakes, city ordinance officer. No items too large for the hoppers will be picked up.

Other items not included are cement, long tree trunks and garbage.

**Board Classes**

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comments and ask questions early in the agenda.

Mrs. Makinen and trustee Kathryn Stirling voiced objections to the policy by explaining that it would "suppress and prohibit" free discussion by the public.

The policy would have required members of the audience to speak only on topics noted on index cards filled out prior to the start of each meeting.

While Mrs. Makinen's motion established a permanent position on the agenda for

public participation, it didn't outline the mechanics.

Before approving the motion Elizabeth Brennan, trustee, criticized Dr. Ross's handling of the meetings. Cautioning Dr. Ross not to take offense, Mrs. Brennan said, "We have no control of the board no less the audience. We have to do some soul searching ourselves."

Dr. Ross replied, "The role of the president is in chairing the meeting, and he has no role over any other member. It is the responsibility of each and every member to get hold of the meeting."

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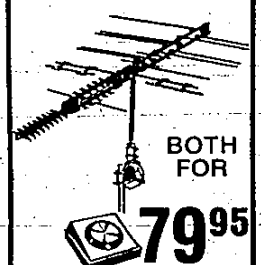
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