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Philbrick Tavern will be focal point of house tour

The old Philbrick Tavern that has stood for years at the corner of 11 Mile and Powers Road will be the focal point of the fourth annual historical tour during the Founders Festival.

"This is one of the oldest landmarks," Mrs. Paula Tobocman, president of the West Bloomfield-Farmington League of Women Voters, explained, "and it will be our major stop."

The tour, scheduled for Saturday July 26, is expected to attract a larger gathering than last year when there were not enough seats to handle the tourists.

Scheduled to run in two sections—one at 1 p.m. and the other at 3 p.m.—the tour will start at Nardin Park Church on 11 Mile and proceed to Eight Mile and Grand River.

From that point it will wind its way through and around all the historical sites in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Among these locations will be the Shawwassee area where the old grist mill and slaughter house are located. The tour also will have a modern touch with a visit to the Orchard Lake campus of Oakland Community College.

The tour, in past years, has rekindled many fond memories as it passed the homes of older residents and the mills and places of business they once patronized. This year will be no exception.

One of the features will be the opportunity to see many of the major changes that have taken place in both Farmington Hills and the City of Farmington.

These will include the new and larger medical centers, the modern shopping areas and the series of apartment developments on Grand River north to 10 Mile.

Other changes on the route will be the development of the industrial parks and the vast change at the Huron Valley Club on Farmington Road where the old log cabin has been replaced with a modern building. It now has company in the opening of the Racquet Club that enabled the Farmington area to keep pace with the other communities in providing indoor tennis.

The cost of the tour is \$2. Tickets can be purchased at the League of Women Voters booth at the Founders Festival. Latecomers can be accommodated at Nardin Park Church one-half hour before the tour starts.

Parade shows areas most active groups

The 11th annual Farmington Founders Festival parade is one way the communities of Farmington and Farmington Hills say, "Look what we're up to now." The parade is at 10 a.m. July 26.

Focusing on that theme, various organizations and civic groups from the Farmington area will display floats specially designed for the occasion. Colorfully decorated cars will complement the floats.

Miss Farmington of 1975, accompanied by her court, will be presented to the parade-goers. State and local dignitaries also will be riding in the parade.

A variety of marching units will provide interesting entertainment, representing many areas in the state, the country and Canada.

The Townsmen, a drum corps from Farmington, Ontario, will return to defend their possession of the Drakeshire Cup. This unit is a two-time winner of the traveling trophy. Their efforts will peak in an attempt to become the first three-time winner of the Drakeshire Cup.

The cup, given by the Drakeshire merchants, will remain with the Townsmen if they win it again this

year. In addition, the Townsmen are the current Canadian provincial champions.

The Farmington Elks motor drill team promises another exciting performance. They were the Farmington Chamber of Commerce "Outstanding Farmington Unit" in the 1974 parade.

The Flint Guardsmen, a drum and bugle corps, will be returning, along with the Farmington Combined Elementary Band, which is under the direction of Stan Weinberg and Lloyd Smith.

The only elementary school marching band in Oakland County with the exception of the Kenbrook band which comprises a goodly portion of the Farmington Combined Elementary Band, this unit is made up of fourth through sixth graders.

Other units performing include the Ohio State Parade Corps champions from Columbus, Ohio, the Seaway Strutters, a musical corps from Allen Park, and the Ambassadors, a baton and drum corps from Toledo, Ohio.

The Pontiac Unicyclists again will perform daring feats as they ride many different sized one-wheel bikes.

The parade will proceed down Grand River Avenue.