People make the festival go

By MIKE GALLAGHER

Remnants of Farmington's 13th annual Founders Day Festival are still being boxed and stored away, but already plans are being made to make next year's festival bigger and better than ever.

Terry Sever, next year's chairman of the Founders Festival committee, thinks people really don't know what goes on behind the scenes at the festival.

"People don't realize that the smooth running and operation of the festival is the main job of a committee of people set up to coordinate the different events of the festival," Sever says. "They think it just happens. Well that's not so."

SEVER SAYS the success of the festival is due mainly to the efforts of certain individuals and businesses who receive little or no recognition for their contributions.

"Take for example the DPW," he said. "They did a super job for us this year. We ask a lot of those people, and if not for them, the festival would have been nothing."

Each individual member of the committee has special responsibilities.

"The chairman," Sever says, "has the job of coordinating all the special five hours.

events, while the 2nd vice-chairman oversees the setting up of all the booths and stands in the downtown center.

"Could you picture what it would be like if everyone started setting up their booths whenever and wherever they pleased? It would be utter chaos."

The job of coordinating the parade fell to the husband and wife team of Gary and Sue Miramonti.

"This year's parade was probably the finest ever," said Sever. "Gary and Sue did a tremendous job. We had over 124 entries. The thing people don't realize though, is that we have to pay people to appear in our parade."

The overall cost of the parade was $3,000.

SEVER FEELS ONE of the major events of the entire festival was "Sunday in the Park", put on by a committee headed by Barb Hay.

"This is what we wrap the festival up with," said Sever. "Families bring their picnic lunches and just come to relax. When the dinner bell rang the YMCA Indian Guides sold hot dogs for ten cents and pop for a nickel.

The food, donated by the Farmington Area Jaycees, lasted four or

Sever says Jeff Farlan of the recreation commission did a tremendous job in coordinating three large events; skateboard competition, tennis tourney and the softball tournament.

Finally, Sever says one group of people deserves the biggest thank-you—the community.

"We can have hundreds of booths set up in the shopping center," he explained, "but without those people coming in and looking and buying, the festival would be a flop. Same with the parade. We could have one of the best parades in the country, but if nobody was there to watch, who cares?"

The general fund for the 1977 festival totaled more than $10,000. Sever expects it to be even higher next year.

"We'll canvas area businesses in June and get about $4,000 or $5,000," said Sever. "They contribute the funds because they feel it is a worthwhile cause."

Sever says anyone interested in donating time or money or attending one of next year's planning meetings should contact him at T.L. Printing in Farmington.

"It will be gladly accepted," he adds.

Claudia Newberry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newberry of 23634 Whittaker, Farmington, took part in Eastern Michigan University's recent presentation of "Gianni Schicci," an opera by Giacomo Puccini. The one-act opera was presented by the EMU department of music with the EMU Civic Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Edward Szabo. A senior majoring in voice, Miss Newberry played the role of Zita.

Ferris State graduates 16 from Farmington area

Sixteen Farmington area students were among 2,792 graduates of Ferris State College during the 1976-77 academic year.

Farmington Hills residents are: David D. Camp, 32272 Hearthstone, AAS auto service; Linda M. Comer, 32316 Eleven Mile, BS environmental health with distinction; Lou Demarco, Jr., 24211 Farmington Rd., BS accounting; Stephen N. Gahagan, 29942 Briarton, AAS technical illustration; and Laurie A. Hoch, 30314 Eleven Mile, BS advertising.

Also: Robert E. Kessler, 32431 Briarcrest, BS marketing; William B. Langsten, 24376 Springbrook, BS hospitality management transfer and AAS service supervisor; Diane M. McCallum, 32971 Thorndyke, AAS dental hygiene with high distinction; Joseph C. Meyers, 35190 Gary, AAS technical illustration with distinction; James L. O'Dell, 34110 Thirteen Mile, AAS higher accounting; Kenneth F. Perpich, 22480 Walsingham, AAS refrigeration, heating, and air conditioning with distinction; and Annette M. Tedesco, 27065 Arden Park, AAS dental hygiene.

Farmington residents are: Richard L. Campbell, 33355 Cloverdale, BS accounting; John H. Humble, 23031 Maple, BS trade-tech education; James G. Lawson, 35622 Muirwood, BS insurance; and Crystal L. Sutton, 36201 Grand, AAS court and conference reporting with high distinction.

Degree abbreviations: BS-bachelor of science degree; AAS—associate in applied science degree; AAA—associate in applied arts degree; AA-associate in arts degree; and AS—associate in science degree.

Miss Hildebrand attends music camp

Karen Hildebrand, of 28260 New Castle, Farmington, attended Interlochen Music Camp this summer. Miss Hildebrand plays the violin.

CITY OF FARMINGTON

NOTICE

LAST DAY FOR FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS AND NUMBER OF PERSONS TO BE ELECTED

Take notice that Friday, August 12, 1977 at 5:00 P.M. is the last day permitted for filing nomination petitions for election to the office of councilman of the City of Farmington at the regular city election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 1977.

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