

Regional Roundup

HISTORIC DEDICATION

Dedication of Franklin's 149-year-old Daniel Broughton House is slated for Sunday, Dec. 5, climaxing two years of renovation work undertaken so the building can be occupied by village officers and the police department.

Bicentennial Chairwoman Virginia Rodgers said "brevity will be the main

theme" at the dedication ceremony, which is to begin at 3 p.m.

The building on Franklin Road, most recently the Hunters' Whop Restaurant and once the home of buggymaker Daniel Broughton, has been the primary focus of the village's bicentennial celebration.

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING

Victims of the March tornado that swept through West Bloomfield are especially thankful for life this Thanksgiving.

Families continue to return to their rebuilt homes and pick up their lives with-out dwelling on the tragedy which killed one person and injured more than 60.

As Mrs. Frank Eddy, whose home almost totally collapsed in the twister, said, "Worldly goods just aren't that important to me anymore."

NEW NATURE CHALET

Through the generosity of a Birmingham resident, Aubrey C. Flood and his late wife, a new nature chalet has been built at Cranbrook Institute of Science's Ward Nature Study Area in Orchard Lake.

The chalet makes the Ward nature center itself a gift—more accessible to adults and children's study groups.

CONSERVING CONSUMPTION

Oakland University expects to save some \$60,000 annually on gas and electric bills through a new energy management system set up in conjunction with Honeywell.

The system involves the installation of relays and electrical controls running from meters to data gathering panels in the master campus buildings.

The controls will be linked to a Data Base console computer already installed in the central heating plant.

The system will allow the university to cut its costly peak demand time, set starting and stopping times for many pieces of equipment, and to design an energy program.

thing so that other university fans, pumps and machines can be operated or turned off to accommodate needs.

PROJECT IN LIMBO

Plans for the controversial \$100 million Park LaSalle project will be reviewed and evaluated and studied if anyone agrees to do it.

The Southfield City Council Nov. 22 with-drew approval of the proposed 50-acre high rise development planned in the Telegraph-Twelve Mile-Northeastern Highway silver triangle.

Council members voted unanimously to postpone final decisions on the project until Jan. 10, hoping the department of housing and urban development (HUD) will conduct an environmental impact study.

LABOR LIT

Farmington Hills will have to wait seven months for the Michigan Employment Relations Commission to decide if the city was guilty of unfair labor practices when it cut the working hours of two volunteer firemen.

The firemen contend that their hours were cut because they had tried to organize volunteers.

PICTURE THE LADY

Students at Leonard Elementary in Troy are learning about art the easy way.

Every month they have a visitor in the shape of the picture lady, who presents art reproductions and information with the youngster in mind.

Chris Haley heads up the Troy program which is sponsored by the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Association. According to Mrs. Haley, students are taught to look for texture, color and content. The teaching evidently works, she said, because many mothers have commented that their children are now explaining to them the significant source of certain paintings.

Madonna launches drive for funds

Madonna College in Livonia has launched a development campaign among businesses and friends to raise \$135,000 in new direct financial aid in the next year.

Phase one will be a week-long effort beginning Dec. 1 to reach businesses in Livonia. Thereafter, businesses in Redford Township, Plymouth, Northville, and Novi will be contacted by 10 teams of two persons—one businessman and one Madonna staff member.

Business fund goal is \$100,000. The drive was announced by Sister Mary Francine, president of the 2,000-student college at Shaker Heights and Levan. Co-chairmen are Peter Ventura, Livonia councilman and head of a construction firm, and Donald D'Como, Northville resident who is a partner in a Livonia architectural firm. Honorary chairman is Livonia Mayor Edward H. McNamara.

THE DRIVE was launched at a dinner honoring 130 "Friends of Madonna" per-

sons who had contributed \$100 or more during the last year.

Special recognition, in the form of plaques, went to D'Como and to Thomas G. Boser, Bloomfield Hills resident and retired president of a food brokerage firm.

Madonna is a coeducational, four-year college operated by the Peorian Sisters, a Catholic order. The college is in its 32th year.

Sister Francine said Madonna will continue to profess Christian humanistic values and is typical of smaller colleges which provide a choice for students who seek other faculty relationships and who can ask the "why" questions as well as the "how" to.

INCREASED OPERATING costs have made it more difficult to operate without a deficit, Sr. Francine said.

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