Ground was broken Tuesday in Farmington Hills Industrial Park for a 145,000 square foot corporate head-quarters and distribution center for A.C.E. Hardware.

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The new building will be the largest in the park with 21,000 square feet of office space combined with a 125,000 square foot distribution center. Another three acres of the site will be paved with asphalt to accommodate employee and visitor parking.

With R.E. Dailey & Co. as construc-tion managers, the new building will go up on a 24-acre site. A one-story struc-

ture covering 3.4 acres, it will feature steel framework with insulated metal curtain walls.

Designed by the architectural firm of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates, the building will have long curved skylights between office and warehousing areas and over the loading docks. Landscaping will include an earth berm extending to window level and provide added insulation for the long side of the office area.

Taking part in the groundbreaking ceremonies were A.C.E. Chairman Theodore Traskos, Farmington Hills Mayor Earl Opperthauser, representatives

of R.E. Dailey and Smith Hinchman, A.C.E. directors and local and state officials.

Scheduled for completion by mid1980, the center will serve the 33 company-owned A.C.E. stores scattered throughout the suburban Detroit area with 12,000 different items according to seasonal demand.

inventory control, the center will utilize 11,000 double pallet-sixed bins in addition to specialized racks and electronic carrousel storage bins for small order items. WITH FULLY COMPUTERIZED

Speeding storage and retrieval will be electronically guided, narrow asie, swing-reach warehouse vehicles and order selectors. A full sprinkler system will be built into the racks.

The new center, which marks the first part of a three-phase expansion program, will replace a 60,000 square foot office and warehouse complex in Redford which will be offered for sale following the move.

The new site in the 10-year class A industrial park was selected from among 40 studied.

"While several in other areas offered tax incentives, we felt the immediate

access for our vehicles to the 1-275, 696 and 96 freeways at this location would provide the most cost effective location for our stores and customers," ACE chairman Traskos said. The privately held Michigan chain is the largest of the nearly 4,000 outlets affiliated with Ace Hardware Co. of Oskbrook, III.

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The Michigan chain, which reports doubled volume every five years for the past 25, expects to open three to

five stores annually. The newest store will open in Saline in early October. With some \$200 million in current projects, R.E. Dailey & Co. is capturing an increased share of the retail-distribution center market. In addition to A.C.E., the company currently is working near Saginaw on its third project for Meijer's Theifty Acres and is building or has completed distribution centers for Kmart in Illinois, Georgia, California and Texas.

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Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills will present a series of free public lectures on alternate Mondays from Oct. 1 to Nov. 25.

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Oct. 1 "No Fault Insurance — How AAA Goed Here From There" A look at We Got Here From There" A look at Contributing editor of Michigan Living

Motor News will speak.

Oct. 29 "Planning a Trip Abroad"
What to do and what to expect about
air fares, European travel regulations,
passport requirements. Barbara
Kowdyn, world travel counselor, lectures.

• Nov. 12 "Understanding and Being Understood" Overcoming barriers to effective communication. Robert Loesch, PhD. coordinator of AAA su-

pervisory management programs speaks.

NOV. 26 "TELL It Like It Is" The AAA radio-TV services for highway safety and public information. Bill Banks.

All lectures will be held in room H-108 (gymnasium). Lectures will begin at 7:30 p.m. and are free.

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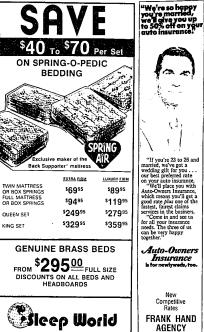
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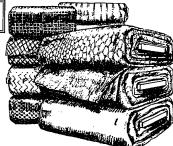
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