



FIRST FEAST -- Farmington's Wooddale Elementary School greeted Thanksgiving during American Education Week with a series of displays telling the story of the holiday. The display pictured tells the story of the first Thanksgiving. (Evert photo)

Parents View Art In School Tour

SIXTH GRADERS, with the assistance of Mrs. Jean Hough, invited their parents to observe how they utilize the library. Mrs. Doris Phillips' third and fourth graders held a hula as part of a social studies project.

First and second graders were invited to the gym to see how Gary Sine conducts their physical education classes. Mrs. Elaine Palmer's fifth grade presented a typical art session followed by a lesson in spelling.

As the appearance of the art consultant was awaited, Mrs. Palmer explained to parents that the art program had been set up in advance for the entire year with the consultant spending one period every other week with each class.

THE CONSULTANT is always available to suggest activities which the classroom teacher can conduct herself.

When Mrs. Bev Ellis arrived, she was pushing a cart loaded with filled paint cans and brushes. The children were told to listen carefully to instructions for the lesson to follow, called "walk-around painting."

Desks were pushed together in groups to allow for easy traffic flow, then covered with newspapers, and one color of paint allotted to each "table" thus formed.

Would-be artists received a blank sheet of grey construction paper and were told to begin with a circular figure placed anywhere on the page. From there, the theme would be the day's most timely topic, the moon.

landing, with the circle representing either earth or the moon.

Traffic was to move clockwise from table to table to avoid paint smears on each other which it did very successfully. Resulting pictures were completely original and dazzling.

Miraculously, not a drop of paint was spilled, and the clean-up period proceeded as efficiently as had preparation time.

On their way out of the building, parents were invited to look at a showcase the class had created depicting the first Thanksgiving. This had been a month-long project involving history, geography, and reading as well as art.

Winter Sports Outlined On Map

Snow fans coming to Michigan this winter can expect vast amounts of snowfall and much good, crisp skiing weather, if there is any credibility in the prognostications of the caterpillar and squirrel watchers.

According to those who predicate their forecast on the thickness of the fur on caterpillars and the number of nuts squirrels put away in the fall, Michigan can expect plenty of snow and a long winter.

THE MICHIGAN Tourist Council agrees the state can expect an abundance of good skiing snow, but has a more scientific reason on which to base its estimates. Snowfall statistics, recorded over several years, show the average seasonal snowfall for the state to be from 140 inches in the north to about 30 inches in the southeast corner.

To the householder with a corner lot and long sidewalks, all this snow may be looked upon as just more hard work. To skiers, snowmobile buffs and little boys with new sleds it can mean great sport.

To help direct the Michigan Winter Sports fan to where the

action is, the Michigan Tourist Council is ready to distribute the 1970 edition of the Michigan Winter Sports Map, which pinpoints 73 developed winter sports areas in the state. The map details specific information on locations of winter recreation areas, listing such details as the number of slopes, lifts, tows, entertainment and other features of particular interest to those looking for fun in the snow.

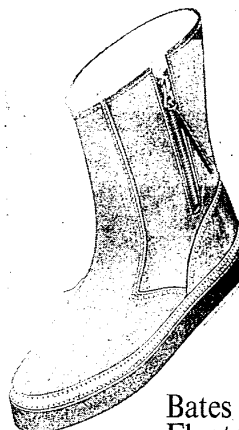
A new feature of the map is the alphabetical key which facilitates locating specific winter sports areas and information about them. To make the map easier to use, the state is divided into four regional areas: Upper Peninsula; West Michigan; East Michigan and Southeast Michigan.

New to the listings on the map this year is Paradise Valley, located at Oakley off M-47. In addition to ski slopes, the newly-listed area provides a warming house, ski rental and a snack bar.

The Michigan Winter Sports Map is available free of charge by writing the Michigan Tourist Council, Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing, 48926.

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