

Historical gala claims limelight for the week

May 22
Noon — Official dedication of the museum — Front lawn of museum. Michael Bejlan, soloist; Museum Guild String Quintet; Warner Middle School Concert Choir, Mrs. Kim Marlinga, director.
2-5 p.m. — Callopie Concert — Masonic Temple Park.
5-7 p.m. — Preview tour and champagne reception.
7-9 p.m. — Candlelight banquet on the lawn.

9 still ??? — Costume Ball at the Old Town Hall.

May 23
1 p.m. — Special preview for museum volunteers.
1:30 p.m. — Harrison High School Jazz Band — Toe-tapping program of jazz classics and popular spirituals. Mark Phillips, director.
2 p.m. — Official dedication of Warner Gardens — South lawn of museum. Michael Bejlan and Lillian Bryant, soloists; Marjorie Mowat, pianist.

2:30 p.m. — Miss Farmington musical revue — Featuring Miss Kelley Garver, reigning queen, and a court of former Miss Farmington winners.
2:30-5 p.m. — Museum open house
3 p.m. — Farmington Sweet Adelines — Double Quartette. Award-winning district champions in a program of barbershop harmony.
3:30 p.m. — Farmington Schools String Ensemble — Students from grades two through 12 in a performance of 19th-century favorites. Marjorie Mowat, director.

4 p.m. — The Fifth Season — Popular local vocal ensemble in a program of nostalgic melodies.
4 p.m. — Old Tyme Magic Show — For children of all ages. South lawn of museum. Featuring John Hovanecian, local slight-of-hand artist.
4:30 p.m. — Sing-along — with Richard Levinson, autoharpist and balladeer. Lillian Bryant, assistant.
5 p.m. — Music Madness — Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Seniors in a song and dance revue. Pianist, Mary Wilson (87 years young.)

Choosing gowns for the evening

Historical gowns worn originally by the wife and daughter of Governor Fred M. Warner were shown recently in the parlor of the Farmington Historical Museum, the former Governor Warner Mansion.

Hope Nahstoll, a founder and now wardrobe chairwoman of the Farmington Players, received the vintage dresses a number of years ago from Edessa Warner Slocum, daughter of the governor, who donated them to the players wardrobe collection.

Marjorie Mowat, chairman of the Museum Music Guild, met with Nahstoll to consider costumes for the various performers who will be participating in the 1870 Governor's Ball on Saturday, May 22, as well as in other activities scheduled at the museum over the dedication weekend.

One gown, believed to have been worn by Mrs. Slocum for her father's inauguration in 1905, is made of pink embroidered eyelet batiste. It features narrow tucking and lace insertions on the bodice and sleeves.

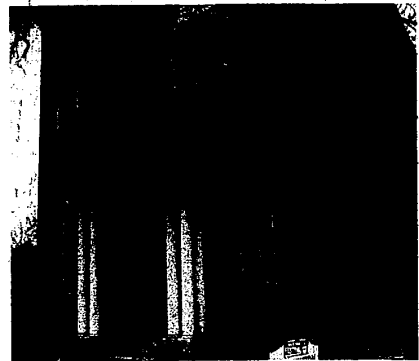
Another, fashioned of sheer white lawn, is lavishly embroidered in floral sprays and trimmed with rows of hand-crocheted lace and crocheted buttons.

Nahstoll suggests that this gown, which is of the same period of style, may have been the inaugural choice of the governor's wife, the former Martha M. Davis. She was the daughter of Samuel and Susan Davis who migrated from Pennsylvania during the 19th century to establish a prosperous farm on 12 Mile Road in Farmington Township.

Admission to the ball is a tax-deductible donation of \$100 per person.



The vintage gowns shown by Marjorie Mowat (left) and Hope Nahstoll were brought out of storage this week for try-on sessions by several who will be performing during the Farmington Historical Museum's dedication festivities. The agenda of activities are set for the weekend of May 22-23.



Dancers will congregate at the Masonic Temple for the costume ball.

Compassion counts, Hesburgh tells graduates

You are not asked to be a Dr. Tom Dooley or a Mother Theresa or an Albert Schweitzer.

But you are asked to get involved with humanity, said the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, president of the University of Notre Dame, on May 9 to Madonna College's graduates of the class of '82.

"You are living in a world full of suffering, in a world crying for compassion," the Catholic educator and human and civil right activist told the Madonna graduates assembled in Temple Beth El in Birmingham.

"Not just in China or in Africa, but right here in your home town, each one of you can open your eyes and see all kinds of things to be compassionate about. To fight these problems you will need competence, compassion and commitment. You may not get wealthy or be famous, but you will have a life that is fulfilling, satisfying and happy."

The Catholic educator's challenge to the class of '82 for more competence, compassion and commitment in an increasingly "complicated and suffering world" preceded the awarding of a record number of 557 degrees by the Livonia college.

In his commencement address, Hesburgh used Dr. Tom Dooley, Mother Theresa and Albert Schweitzer as examples of people who "gave up the good life" to spend their lives "giving to others."

HE URGED the graduates to go one step beyond merely having compassion for those who have troubles.

"Competence alone can't do it," he said. "Compassion alone can't do it. Christ was not just moved to compassion. He did things. He got involved. Dr. Tom Dooley got involved. So did

Mother Theresa. So can you. You'll never know what your potential is unless you try."

The huge Temple Beth El, with its plant-lined walls, marble steps and maroon carpet and seats, was filled with hundreds of proud mothers, fathers, husbands, wives and children who had come to witness a long-worked-for moment.

To all the assembled family members, Sr. Mary Franceline, Madonna president, said, "We salute you." She praised all those family members "who had to be a little quieter, a little more patient," so that a college student could study.

For his "extraordinary" 30 years of leadership at Notre Dame, for his "deep interest and support of higher education," for his "concern, dedicated efforts and outstanding commitment to human and civil rights" and for his courage and determination, Hesburgh was awarded an honorary doctorate of humanities from Madonna.

HESSBURG has received honorary degrees from nearly 100 colleges, including Dartmouth, Princeton, Bran-

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Veteran seeks buddies who served on war ship

By Teri Banas
 staff writer

On Sept. 15, 1942 the U.S.S. Aircraft Carrier Wasp was torpedoed and sunk in the Coral Sea in the South Pacific.

Forty years later, they're still looking for survivors.

Norman Watson, a 19-year-old Navy crewman at the time, was among the 1,800 men on board when the ship was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine.

Today, the Livonia resident and senior vice president of a Southfield insurance firm, is among those planning the 40th year reunion of the some 1,600 men who survived the attack. The gathering is planned for September in Norfolk, Virginia, the state-side home port of the former crew members.

According to Watson, roughly 90 percent of the crew members were rescued and survived. But time, distance and the natural progression of life have separated the men who for a few brief years in their lives shared a common experience.

Contacts for the reunion have been further complicated by the fact that all personnel records, listing the crew and home addresses, were destroyed in the attack, said Watson.

"We're all over the country now," he added.

Some 20 survivors are believed to be living in the Detroit metropolitan area.

The reunion is being coordinated through the Wasp CV-7 Stinger Club, a veterans association. Watson, who spent more than two hours floating among the ship's debris before he was rescued, carries in his wallet at all times the membership card which reads, "We pledge to keep her (the ship) afloat in our hearts and minds forever and ever."

Survivors of the USS Wasp are asked to contact Watson by writing him at 18706 Williams, Livonia 48152.

The 40th anniversary date is not the first reunion of the former crew members, who started meeting soon after the club organized in 1973. But it's hoped to be the largest, Watson said.

Watson said the reunion will provide an opportunity to renew acquaintances which could be cherished in upcoming years. For many it will be retirement years, he noted.

When the former crew members do get together, he said, they talk about the places they've visited, and of course, their grandchildren.

"There are about 30 of us who went through basic training together and stayed together right up until the ship was sunk. Then, we were picked up by different destroyers and wound up in different places.

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