

Fall Festival Skies Always Fair For Plymouth Clubs

By FRED DELANO

PLYMOUTH You may be sure that it won't rain in Plymouth — at least not for long — during the Festival of Sept. 10-13 just two weeks hence. It never does during the Fall Festival, other than just enough to settle the dust.

most family attractions starting in just two weeks — the same Thursday that school opens here — and one organization after another is finalizing details of its showmanship plans for the fall fete.

Estimates as to the number of persons who will be attracted into Kellogg Park and surrounding area to enjoy the festivities of this, Plymouth's

15th annual festival, run as high as 50,000.

There isn't a day of the four-day reign of food and frivolity that will be lacking in special events for young and old.

DOWNTOWN WILL BE the scene of a myriad of exhibits and displays, sponsored by local civic and fraternal organizations, while in the band shell at the eastern point of the

park, where Penman joins Ann Arbor Triad, a continuing series of entertainment groups will appear.

Specialty prepared food always has been a festival hallmark, and this will be no less true in 1970. This will range from the opening "German Night" menu to be served Thursday, Sept. 10 by the Business and Professional Women's Club right through the climactic chicken barbecue to be offered Sunday, Sept. 13 by the Rotary Club.

Last year, on the concluding Sunday festival, the Rotarians had a total sellout of the 13,000 individual box lunches of barbecued chicken and freshly roasted sweet corn which they prepared in their amazing assembly line procedure over the special pits erected in the lot next to the Penn Theatre.

ACTUALLY, it was the idea of having a chicken barbecue which inspired the entire undertaking — but that the event would grow into the mammoth attraction which it is today never was dreamed by the originators.

On May 20, 1956, the Rotary Club conducted such a barbecue on one of the city playgrounds, donating proceeds toward purchase of equipment for the site.

Four years later, on Sept. 11, 1960, the event was moved into Kellogg Park and that was the year it was expanded into a full festival. Since then, dozens of additional organizations have become official participants and attendance has multiplied many fold.

The festival is established as a non-profit organization which has its own officers and directors, functioning on a year-around basis. The 1970 president is Roland Bonarield.

Kellogg Park itself has been given a face-lifting since the 1969 festival, and for this reason old timers will find there has been a relocation of the festival's customary features with greater utilization of adjacent streets.

It is anticipated by the officials in charge that the pedestrian mobility which will bring about will presage an ever greater era of festival popularity. But rain? Of course not.

MSU Plans Ecology Projects

Students concerned with the environment who are returning to Michigan State University this fall will find many areas where they can work on environmental problems. But the work won't be easy.

"The time for the grand extravaganza for raising awareness is over. The hard work lies ahead," says Dr. Ronald Wilson, a coordinator in MSU's Environmental Action Office.

The office was started as a channel for ideas between students and the university's Center For Environmental Quality, but has also become a clearinghouse for all individuals and groups concerned with the environment.

Two campus environmental organizations still in existence are SCOPE (Students Concerned Over the Population Explosion) and EQUAL (Students for Environmental Quality) the first organization behind last spring's environmental teach-in.

MANY other organizations and clubs such as Panfil, the Peace Corps, the Ecology Club and the Forum Club have taken part in environmental activities at some time or another.

"The action office serves as a central agency for information about all of these groups," says Dr. Wilson. The office is located in North Kedzie Hall.

A review board is still receiving suggestions as to how to dispose of a \$1,000 honorarium left by Stewart Udall, according to Rev. Richard Jackson, a member of the review board and the other coordinator at the Environmental Action Office.

Udall, former secretary of the interior, returned his honorarium for speaking at the teach-in, and specified that it be used for a student environmental project related to both the East Lansing community and the MSU campus.



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State Tourism Fluctuating This Summer

Vacation travel in Michigan through early August this year is going through its most turbulent "ups and downs" in recent years, according to the Michigan Tourist Council.

"On overall averages, summer tourist business seems to be up about 5-7 per cent over the same period last year," said William T. McGraw, council director. "However, the fluctuations between areas is the greatest we've had in many years."

"Some parts of the state report increases in vacation activity ranging from 5 per cent

to 18 per cent," McGraw said, "while other sections report decreases ranging from 2 per cent to 20 per cent."

The mid-summer survey of Michigan tourism was reported to the Tourist Council at its August 12-13 meeting at the St. Clair Inn, St. Clair.

THERE doesn't seem to be any pattern in changes in recreational travel this year," the council director reported. "For example, five major Lake Michigan tourist centers report average gains of almost 10 per cent over last year, two other major centers are down 15 per cent and two others are about even with last year's business levels."

Great Lakes fishing, one of the top tourist appeals, has been outstanding along the state's Lake Michigan shorelines, according to reports received by the council.

"Southeast Michigan is, consistent in reporting gains over 1969, from Monroe to Port Huron. Attendance at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum at Dearborn was running at record levels through July — up more than 16 per cent over last year," McGraw said. Officials at that attraction report the Museum is temporarily closed following an August 9 fire, but the outdoor Village is operating as usual.

At the tip of the lower peninsula, Mackinac Bridge crosses through August 2 were 6.1 per cent greater than last year. Meanwhile, attendance at nearby Fort Michilimackinac in Mackinac City was almost 14 per cent below last year's figure.

"REPORTS from the eastern half of the lower peninsula were very good," McGraw said, "with only a few exceptions. Alpena, Gaylord, and Frankenmuth all reported tourist increases of at least 15 per cent."

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