



HISTORIC MAPLE — The maple tree to be dedicated as a historical site July 29 as part of the Founders Festival is shown surrounded by a group of students from Farmington Senior High who a few months ago organized a demonstration to save the old tree from possible destruction. Mrs. Sally Hoffman (left), organizer of the student demonstration, is talking with her neighbor Richard Klinkman who lives nearest the tree and negotiated with the City of Farmington to prevent its removal.

Dedication Of Historic Maple A Highlight Of '70 Festival

Once again, Farmington's historic maple tree is in the headlines!

But this time, the headlines are proclaiming plans to highlight the 1971 Farmington Founders Festival with a special dedication ceremony to mark the 320-year-old tree as one of Farmington's historic sites.

ON THURSDAY, July 29, at 5 p.m., a special ceremony will take place under the joint sponsorship of the City of Farmington's beautification and historical preservation committees.

The historic maple, a source of controversy when it was scheduled for removal because of a paving project, is located north of Freedom Drive on the east side of Gill Road on the old Weber property which is now owned by the Richard Klinkman.

Special invitations have been sent to members of the city council, planning com-

mission, beautification committee, historical preservation committee, board of directors of the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Roderick J. Smith, Farmington superintendent of schools, and members of the Farmington Board of Education.

Special guests and program speakers will include: local religious leaders who will present the invocation and benediction; City of Farmington Mayor Wilbur Brotherton; Mrs. Carol Kurth, chairman of the City of Farmington Beautification Committee; and Paul Schreiber, chairman of the City of Farmington Historical Preservation Committee.

MOSES BAILEY, a Redford resident and member of the Ottawa Indian Tribe, will also be present as a special guest.

Bailey recently came to Farmington to testify to the authenticity of the now

famous hard maple as a landmark for the Indian trail which ran from Detroit to Lansing over 200 years ago.

The verification of the tree's age was made by Paul Thompson, chairman of the Michigan Botanist Club and a staff member of Cranbrook Institute, by using special boring techniques.

A special bronze plaque has been designed to be placed at the tree to designate it as historical. The inscription will state that this hard maple is believed to be the oldest tree in Farmington and has been verified as an Indian landmark.

Working on these special ceremonies, along with the two city committees, have

been Mr. and Mrs. Richard Klinkman who worked so hard several months ago in an attempt to save the tree when it was marked for removal for the widening of Gill Rd.

THE CITY, in answer to the pleas of hundreds of interested residents plus persons from all over the state, drafted new plans for paving Gill to save the tree and now hopes to have the widening completed in time for the ceremonies on July 29.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony. Refreshments will be served by beautification committee members.

The tree is about 40 inches in

diameter, 120 inches in circumference and between 60-70 feet tall. The city spent about \$11,000 to cover portions of an open drain and relocate Gill so the tree could be saved.

Bailey, age 76, is an expert on Indian lore.

Legal To Bump

An attraction during this year's Farmington Founders Festival will be small, dog-like cars known as "Bumperos."

"Bumperos" are being sponsored by the Festival Committee and can be found in the downtown area.

Festival Pet Show Scheduled July 30

One of the most popular events in the Farmington Founders Festival for children is the Festival pet show sponsored annually by the Farmington Plaza Merchants Association.

This year's pet show will be held Friday, July 30, at 3 p.m. at the Plaza Shopping Center at Grand River and Mooney. THERE ARE ten categories of competition with trophies being given each winner. Trophies are on display at the Pets 'N' Particulars shop across from the Plaza center.

Entry forms must be submitted to Pets 'N' Particulars by 6 p.m. Thursday, July 29. Age limit for con-

testants is 14 years or younger.

Each contestant may enter only one category in the show. However, another member of a family may enter the same pet in a different category using a separate entry blank.

CONTESTANTS must keep pets on a leash or in proper containers at all time and must be ready to enter the show ring when the category is called.

Parents should not allow children to bring pets into the show ring that they cannot control because the contestants must handle their own pets. Parents will not be allowed in the show ring.

Trophies will be awarded to

the first, second and third place winners in each category. First place winners will compete for "The Best Pet in the Show" trophy.

All contestants will be given a handsome certificate of participation whether they win or not.

Among the categories of competition are: the pet with the most spots; pet with longest ears; shaggiest pet; most unusual pet and largest pet.

The competition also includes: The Twin Class, two most evenly matched pets; best trick, 30 seconds to perform; smallest pet, full grown (no insects); most original costume, pet and owner; and waggiest tail.



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So on Founders Day, remember, they settled here because of its beauty. Farmington's City Beautification Committee hopes you'll join along with NBD's Pride Program and your own neighbors in a one-day community clean-up September 18.

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