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THIS WEEK isn't too early to be making plans for your summer vacation.

NEXT WEEK: 'MICHIGAN WEEK' Michigan Bell joins other organizations and individuals in saluting our great state.



COMING UP SOON: Graduations... weddings... Father's Day—and gift-giving problems—ahead.

Celebration Touches Many Areas of Community Life

By MARY BAHN Staff Writer

A cast of a thousand is what Mrs. G. Howard Willett estimates to be the number of residents participating in the Birmingham Centennial production.

"The Centennial celebration has touched all areas of community participation," said Mrs. Willett, general chairman.

A breakdown of committees would put Knowles Smith, executive director of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, as Mrs. Willett's right hand man and co-ordinator of the Village Fair, sponsored by the Chamber.

Vincent Secotina is general chairman of the Fair. The concessions are being directed by Harold Anderson, assisted by William E. Roberts.

Handling publicity for this event are Virgil LeMarre, chairman; Henry Hogan and Lew Hagopian.

FINANCIAL CO-CHAIRMEN are James Moore and Richard Thomas. Ticket distribution is being handled by Wayne Combs and co-chairman Ed Chudik.

Dr. Edwin Deer is in charge of professional and school publicity; Mike Rosenberger is handling industrial and real estate relations; and Richard Turner heads the auto dealer-nursery school publicity committees for the Fair.

The concessions coordinator is Fred Kretschmer, while Robert Gwynn is coordinator for decorations and Centennial themes for the Fair.

Still under the guidance of the Village Fair chairman is the Alley Beautification Committee, led by Jack Gwynn, co-chairman Jack Kerchenbaum. His block captains

are Paul Kurth and Robert Gwynn, co-chairmen; Jack Paul, Earl Henschelmer, James Schmidt, John Moss, Ernest W. Jackson, Burton A. VanMaaren and Mahlon Stewart.

ROBERT KENNING, assistant city manager, is Michigan Week general chairman.

Sunday of Michigan Week is Spiritual Foundations Day, handled by Dr. Homer Armstrong, minister at First Baptist Church. He has been assisted by Rev. William Suterlin.

Monday, Government Day, is under the direction of John Saefke, who has been assisted by Robert Bogan and Knowles Smith. Saefke is also in charge of 4-H Club activities, working with Don Wentz of the Seymour Lake 4-H Club.

Mrs. Edward Talbert is chairman of the Hospitality Day festivities on Tuesday, which includes members of the Newcomers' Club and Senior Men's Club.

WILLIAM YAW is chairman of the Neighborhood Day activities.

Assisting him with preparations for the Service Club luncheon are Richard Turner, J. H. Nimmo, Tenney S. McGraw, Philip N. Skillman, Robert Bogan and Howard R. Coe.

Michael Rosenberger and Knowles Smith are co-chairmen for the Industrial Open House, also slated for Livelihood Day.

With Walter Piel as chairman, the Birmingham schools have arranged for special programs and contests on Thursday, Education Day.

Teachers working with Piel representing their schools are: Doris Dillon, Adams; Betty Sumner, Baldwin; Sue Gurry, Beverly; Herbert Palmer, Bloomfield Village; Beverly Thomas, Franklin; Ann Houston, Greenfield; Kay Bieski, Haxian; Becky Wood, Meadow Lake; Pat Busselle, Midvale; and Shirley Bennett, Pembroke.

Others are Mary Craig, Pierce; Joann Irish, Quanton; Kay Winters; Torry; Donna Wellnitz, Valley Woods; Dorothy Hilty, Walnut Lake; Linda Norton, Westchester; Lawrence Miller, Barnum Junior High; Margaret Carter, Berkshire; Tom Murray, Derby; Jean Sharard, Groyves; and Robert Richards, Seaholm.

MRS. PRISCILLA Jackson, a writer and conference planner at Oakland University, is in charge of judges for the essay and poetry contest in the schools. Howard Malwitz, coordinator of art for the Birmingham Schools, will judge art exhibits along with other mem-

bers of the schools' art staff. James Flack is handling arrangements for the banquet honoring the Board of Education and retiring teachers, assisted by George Whitehead, president of the PTA Council.

Arnold Berndt, coordinator of music in Birmingham schools, is writing arrangements for the high school bands. Dr. Henry Corbacho is assisting with the scheduling of Michigan Week movies in the schools.

THE HISTORY and Heritage Committee, under the leadership of James Flack, includes Mrs. George E. Valentine, Manley Bailey, Jervia E. McFellan, Frederick W. Pinnis, Dalton Lamb, Weldon Price, Mrs. Harry Allen, Irene E. Hanley, Mrs. T. James LeMesurier, Merritt W. Glenn and Richard H. Dawsey.

Other members are Glenn A. Kyker, Mrs. Clarence G. Clouse, P. G. Burnett, Mrs. G. Howard Willett, Jack W. Gaddis, Edna Jenka, Charles Clippert, Mrs. Ray Carlson, Mary M. Wenzl, Trudy Wenzl, and Lee Tuttle.

May 23 will mark Centennial Day, which is under the supervision of Sam Mitchell. Activities planned this day include programs for Youths, directed by Don Martin.

THE PARADE IS a feature of Centennial Day, and is under the supervision of John Archangeli. He is assisted by William Jacques, Dave Breck, Noel Cook and Jack Tracy.

The Fountain of Fashion Show is also planned for that day, and directed by Marjorie Barnett. She is assisted by Dorothy Miller of Himelech's; Madge Davis, Demery's; Irvin Formato, Siegel's; Esther Kearns, R.B. Shop; Dave Beers, Jacobson's; Bill Wisner, Prep Shop and Martin Frank, Higgins & Frank.

HARLAN RITZE is general chairman in charge of exhibits presented by the three utility companies in town, from May 18-23. Robert Kilpatrick is representing Michigan Bell; William Whitfield, Consumers Power; and Harold McInally, Claude Morrow and Bill Spence will handle Detroit Edison displays.

Charles McGill is chairman of (See AREAS, Page 7)

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