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MISS FOUNDERS' FESTIVAL, Dee Lawton (left), Miss Historical Society, second runner-up; and June Lorimer, Miss Farmington Center, first runner-up, are pictured with Miss Lawton who was sponsored by the Farmington Enterprise are Vayle Larson

Annexation Vote Before Nov. Unlikely

The date for the special election to be held on the proposal to annex 560 acres of land in Farmington Township into the City of Farmington is expected to be set this coming Tuesday, August 10.

The boundaries committee of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors met on Wednesday of last week and gave its finalists in the Beautification election date after making a review of the boundaries of the proposed annexation area as described by the city.

THE AUGUST 10 date is the next official meeting date for the County Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Curt Hall and City Manager John Dinan both expressed the opinion that the election date would probably be set for sometime during the early part of November.

The 560 acres proposed to be annexed to the city is located between Old Grand River Avenue and the 192-acre highway extending from Gill Road on the east to Halsted Road on the west. The parcel forms somewhat of a triangle with the broadest part at Gill Road and tapering off in width as you continue westward.

THE ONLY fairly well developed area in the total parcel is at the upper price range residential Woodcroft Subdivision development just west of Gill Road.

A master plan is now being developed by the City Planning Commission on how they would propose to have the area developed if it is annexed into the city.

Founders' Festival Proves Big Success

The general consensus of opinion expressed by everyone connected with the first annual Farmington Founders' Festival sponsored by the Farmington Board of Commerce held last Thursday, Friday and Saturday was that it was a tremendous success.

All expressed extreme satisfaction with the fine turnout for the various programs and projects that were staged and many admitted that the response was even better than they expected.

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This kind that has ever been staged in Farmington," commented Board of Commerce President Bill Conroy.

A complete page of pictures on the various activities appears on Page 6-A in this week's paper.

"I WAS overwhelmed by the cooperation shown by the many, many clubs and groups and the great number of individuals who devoted so freely of their time and effort to make the festival the outstanding success it was," Conroy added.

Businessmen from the Farmington Plaza who staged an Old Fashioned Bargain Day Sale in conjunction with the festival reported very good turnouts at their stores. Equally as impressive was the exceptionally heavy number of shoppers in the Downtown Farmington Center and at other individual stores in the downtown area for the second annual Downtown Sidewalk Sale held this year in connection with the festival activities.

THE RECORD sale of refreshments reported by the Elks Club, Farmington Jay-

cees and the North Farmington Baseball for Boys organization gives a pretty good indication of the large turnout of people during the three days of festivities.

Elks Club officials reported that they sold over 5,000 beef sandwiches as well as over 3,000 cart of corn and 3,000 soft drinks from their stand located in the Downtown Center parking lot. The Scoutmaster Club located nearby sold more than 1,200 slices of watermelon.

The North Farmington Baseball for Boys played sold approximately 7,000 hot dogs as well as a considerable amount of soft drinks in the Farmington Plaza during the celebration. The hot dogs and Pop were contributed by the Plaza merchants to help finance the Elks Club's baseball program in the community.

THE FARMINGTON Jaycees served approximately 12,000

Youth Committee, Rev. Eddy Reply To Public Protest

Farmington Youth Guidance Committee officials in a two-hour closed door session Friday last week decided against any immediate action to ask its chairman, Rev. Robert M. Eddy, to resign because of the controversies that have been caused by his unorthodox views on youthful sex relationships.

It was stated in a press release from the Youth Guidance Committee that "the whole matter of Mr. Eddy's relationship to the committee was discussed at a regular meeting July 13 and at the 11 a. m. September agenda was developed to include a further consideration of the issues raised."

THE COMMITTEE plans to review its membership procedures at that time and also present a nominating committee to present a slate of officers. The committee made it clear that it firmly endorses the leadership provided by Rev. Eddy. It was pointed out that the committee had shown a big growth under his chairmanship including not only greater activity by committee members but more local support from service clubs, public and private agencies and individuals in the area.

REV. EDDY is reported to have made the following statements in a phone conversation to one of the daily papers that was able to reach him where he is vacationing. The copy of these statements is submitted to The Enterprise reads:

"One of my responsibilities as a Unitarian-Universalist minister is to analyze current problems in the light of eternal principles and to offer suggestions for solution. "Over a year ago in a series of three sermons I discussed three problems related to adolescent promiscuity: homosexuality and adultery. One of these three sermons was summarized by the Detroit Free Press when I delivered it again in a Wednesday evening service this spring.

MY RESPONSE to that summary, and without troubling to obtain a copy of the sermon which had been available for a year, some citizens of Farmington have questioned my intention of the parade.

Dee Lawton Queen for First Festival

Farmington's first Miss Founders' Festival commented "If this is a dream, I never want to wake up," and so climaxed a week of whirlwind activities that included radio interviews, parades and civic ceremonies.

The beauty queen, 17-year-old Miss Dee Lawton was sponsored in the Founders' Festival pageant by the Farmington Enterprise and reigned over the three day spectacle attending a myriad of functions and events.

MISS LAWTON, daughter of Norman Lawton, president of the Star Cutter Company on Grand River Avenue, plans a career in journalism and has been working at the Farmington Enterprise afternoons after following Farmington High School summer school each morning. She was first selected as one of ten finalists at the beauty pageant program staged on the grounds of Boltford Inn Tuesday evening, July 27.

The 20 young ladies vying for the crown of Miss Founders' Festival were judged on the basis of poise, personality

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Festival Parades Go Off Smoothly

Farmington police reported traffic moved smoothly through the City over the big Founders' Festival weekend and two parades, on Thursday evening following the beauty pageant at Boltford Inn and Saturday's giant parade to climax activities, posed no problems. Following the beauty pageant several officers on motorcycles to help coordinate parade details in addition to the regular compliment of patrol vehicles. The parade formed at the Grand River Drive-In Theater and proceeded west on Grand River Avenue to the City Hall in downtown Farmington. Several thousand persons lined both sides of the street on Saturday to witness the parade.

City to Study Regulations on Portable Pools

Regulations to provide adequate safety in and around the larger types of portable swimming pools will begin being studied by the Farmington City Planning Commission.

At the last regular meeting of the city planners, Commissioner Duncan expressed concern about the ever increasing number of these large portable pools being installed in his neighborhood. He pointed out that present regulations cover permanent types of pools only and felt that serious consideration should be given to regulations provide safety provisions when the large portable pools are installed.

The City Councilmen at their regular meeting Monday night expressed agreement with Commissioner Duncan's views and instructed the planners to proceed with a study and regulations to the Council on this matter.

Commissioner Duncan also suggested that a large section of the city and surrounding area be developed to be used at meetings so that all citizens would have a better understanding of the area according to a report made. Councilmen instructed the city manager Monday night to make a study of the cost involved in developing such maps and a report back.

The suggestion of Commissioner James Platt that the newly appointed City Beautification Committee should consider the designs of masonry walls when required as buffers between apartments, industry or commercial and abutting residential areas in Detroit was considered a good suggestion by councilmen.



A HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE provided the transportation for out-of-town guests who arrived last Thursday morning to kick-off the Farmington Founders' Festival. Descendants from the original settlers, Nathan Power, are pictured above with members of the Farmington Board of Commerce (L to R) Russ Gilbert, Bill Bowman and Bud Reame and top-hatted girls who served as coachmen. John F. Ivory provided the carriage and horses.



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Sewer Problem Hall's Suit Delays End in Sight Parking Lot Starts

At long last it appears that an agreement has been reached to get the large open hole where raw sewage can be seen running on the Carl Shaw property on Valleyview Drive closed in.

City Manager John Dinan reported to councilmen Monday night that Shaw and his attorney had agreed to dismiss their suit against the city and let them come in and close the sewer.

Sewer line problems were encountered in that area some time back and controversy has been raging for more than a year now between Shaw and the city on this matter. The corrective steps planned by the city were not satisfactory to Shaw and it was necessary for the city to bring the state health department in for a personal review before he was satisfied that the corrective steps planned by the city would be adequate.

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Hearing Set For All RC Properties

The Farmington Township Planning Commission, which is to replace the Township Zoning Board, will hold public hearings on Thursday, August 26, on the reclassification of all Township properties now in RC-1, Multiple Family Residential, to RC-2, Single Family Residential classification.

The necessity for reclassifying the property stems from a change in the Zoning Board on May 27, when, after a public hearing, the Board eliminated the RC, Multiple Family Residential District, and replaced it with three new districts. The new multiple family residential districts are RC-1, seven units per acre; RC-2, ten units per acre; and RC-3, 14 units per acre.

AT THE TIME of the change in classification the advertisement of the hearing stated that the intention of the board is "to rezone from present RC classification to RC-3, those properties which have received site plan approval" and "to rezone from present RC classification to RC-2 classification those properties which have not as yet received site plan approval."



THE KEYS TO THE CITY were presented to Arthur S. Herenden (right) of Farmington, New York, by Mayor Sandy Brotherton in ceremonies held last Thursday evening during the Founders' Festival observance. Bill Conroy, President of the Farmington Board of Commerce, looked on as Mr. Herenden, who journeyed from his home town with his wife to take part in the festivities, received the Keys to the City of Farmington. Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall made a similar presentation on behalf of the Township.

Balden Urges Haste on Light

During general discussion at Monday night's regular City Council meeting, Downtown Farmington City Manager Ed Balden urged councilmen to do everything possible to hasten the erection of the traffic light to be installed on Farmington Road at Nine Mile.

Three more rather serious accidents have occurred at this dangerous intersection in recent weeks, Balden pointed out. People are being killed using Farmington Road to get into the city because of this dangerous intersection, he commented.

Apts Set Pace Twp. 2nd in County In Building Starts

More and more new apartment development highlighted residential construction activities in the Detroit Region during the first six months of 1965, according to a report released last week by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission.

SOUTHFIELD led the way in new residential construction during the six month period by issuing a total of 1,026 permits for residential dwellings. Of this total over 40 per cent were for multiple-family units. A total of 616 permits were issued for single family homes and 410 for multiple-family units.

On Re-zoning

Warren in Macomb County continued to be the fastest growing area in the Detroit Metropolitan district issuing a total of 1,984 permits during the six months with 1,492 for single-family homes and 492 for multiple housing units.

In Wayne County the heaviest building activity was concentrated in Detroit and Livonia. Detroit issued a total of 1,217 residential permits and Livonia 796.

Set Hearing On Re-zoning

A public hearing has been set for Monday, August 9, by the City Planning Commission to consider re-zoning that would permit the Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home to provide additional off-street parking next to its funeral home on Farmington Road at Oakland.

Two matters will be considered. One will be the re-zoning of the property where the funeral home is located which is still zoned R-1 and should be changed to R-1-O. The other is the re-zoning from R-1 to residential and parking of 50 feet of property abutting the funeral home property on the east on the south side of Oakland.

Seal Time Capsule for 100 Years

A time capsule, prepared by the Board of Commerce containing documents, mementos and photographs, was presented to members of the Farmington Board of Commerce by Mrs. H. R. Walters, representative of the Historical Society, to be buried beside the Historical Marker, to be opened in the year 2065. The Historical Marker, to be dedicated in September, designates Farmington as the first Quaker settlement in Michigan.

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Contents of the capsule include the official Proclamation of Farmington's Founders' Day Festival issued by the Board of Commerce, a Founders' Festival Poster, bumper stickers and activities for the festival, a photograph of Bill Conroy, and a photograph of the capsule.

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Councilmen Disagree on DPW Uniforms

Mixed feeling was expressed by councilmen Monday night about requiring all uniformed city employees to wear uniforms provided by the city.

Councilman John Allen has suggested that at the last regular Council meeting that he felt uniforms for these employees would be desirable. He stated that the most prestige as well as being of benefit to the employees themselves. City Manager John Dinan was instructed to study the matter and report back to the Council.

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