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Queen Runner-ups

There were second place winners at the Founders Festival queen contest, too, and we got their picture.

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Job Experience

A volunteer program sponsored by the Farmington Kiwanis Club has given area youth job experience. We have the story on:

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Familiar Faces

If you visit Greenfield Village this summer, you may see some familiar faces in the musical and dramatic presentations featured there. Livonia, Farmington and Southfield are represented this year.

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Casting Call

The Livonia-Redford Theater Guild is about to try a new venture, a touring company. Actors and actresses are needed.

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King's Successor

Our religion columnist has some thoughts about the man who took over for Dr. Martin Luther King. You'll want to read them in our Church Section.

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SURPRISE -- Queen Debbie Amori reacts to the announcement. (Evert photo)

Debbi Amori 'Founders Queen'

While the flash bulbs popped, Debbie Amori, was crowned queen of the Farmington Founders Festival by Mrs. Augie Barbrick, queen pageant chairman.

The queen pageant, one of the highlights of the three-day festival, was preceded Tuesday by a dinner at which 10 finalists were selected.

With the crowning of Miss Amori, (Miss Pixieland) first runner-up Kathy Robinette, (Miss Real Estate I), and second runner-up Kathleen Hahn (Miss Vincent Amusement), the suspense that the 25 contestants felt was over.

Thousands packed the shopping center in downtown Farmington to witness the spectacle. The weather broke in the afternoon after a cloudy morning, and was nearly perfect for the pageant.

Crowds have packed downtown Farmington and the shopping center, where the queens were crowned, since the festival began.

Saturday is still expected to be the "big day", with fireworks, the "mini-marathon" and the festival parade.

A light program is scheduled Sunday, and then it will be over, and the clean-up will begin.



THE CROWNING -- Mrs. Augie Barbrick, chairman of the queen contest, gives flowers to Queen Debbie Amori while the 1971 queen Ruth Bowers places a crown on her head. (Evert photo)

Republicans Face Township Primary

(Editor's note: The Republican Primary in Farmington Township is one of the more interesting contests to come along in a while. We talked to both candidates to compile the following profiles.)

Earl Teeple's Says He Works With The People

By DAN McCOSH

Farmington Township Supervisor Earl Teeple's typically has telephone messages fanned like cards in a gin rummy game on his desk. In his secretary's office, there will be two or three people waiting to see him.

It is the kind of steady, day-to-day contact with "the people" that politicians talk about, but to Teeple's is the core of his job as he sees it.

The messages are waiting, and the people are in his outside office, not because he is slow in answering them, but because he answers every

one, almost always personally.

"What the people want" is a phrase that pops up in his comments repeatedly, and he knows what they want, because he hears them every day.

Former "member of the police department" but thoroughly knows the area and its people," he describes himself in a League of Women Voters questionnaire. "Daily, personal, on the scene knowledge of problems and conditions is vital," he says.

TEEPLES HAS BEEN IN office for two years. He won a surprise, landslide

victory against incumbent Curtis Hall two years ago in a strange campaign where neither candidate made public speeches, and as a result the public images the two had managed to create for themselves appeared to be the decisive factor in the election.

Teeple's silence, he maintained, was because he was abiding by a police department regulation (he was a detective at the time) prohibiting speaking in public.

His son, Joe, spoke instead. Teeple's had already become a public figure during a controversy in the township police department, when he testified in a brutality case and was

then suspended by Hall, later reinstated and the charges dropped.

Hall, caught with the untimely demand for reform of the police department, his campaign blunted and stopped by the untimely death of his wife, Roberta, lost by nearly 30 per cent of the vote in the primary, and Teeple's went on to win in the fall.

TEEPLES CLAIMED an impressive list of reforms when interviewed recently by The Farmington Enterprise & Observer.

"I have reformed the township government, except

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DON'T MISS IT!

By DAN McCOSH

Robert McConnell is running for an office he wishes didn't exist.

For the past four years he has spent most of his spare energy supporting a major change in the township form of government, a cause that eventually led to the chairmanship of the Farmington Township Charter Commission.

He placed first in the race for charter commission, a showing that encouraged supporters to place his name in a "draft movement" on the ballot to run against incumbent Supervisor Earl Teeple's.

How does a candidate justify running for an office

which won't even exist if cityhood becomes a reality?

McCONNELL ANSWERS the question three ways:

• He feels being supervisor will be an effective position from which to promote cityhood. (The rest of the township board has already adopted a resolution endorsing incorporation.)

• He thinks he has the experience to supervise "a smooth transition" to cityhood, if it is approved.

• But in a "position statement" he emphasizes "efficient business administration," and "basic business principles," playing down the cityhood issue.

McCONNELL'S INTEREST

in changing the form of government in the township dates back to the unsuccessful consolidation drive in 1969.

He has been working actively for incorporation since that time as the president of the Future Farmington Assn. "Responsive and efficient government of the community is the issue today," he said, in response to a League of Women Voters questionnaire.

"Township government is a 'housekeeping' type of administration designed for rural areas and not for a community of 50,000 people."

He feels incorporation would have the direct effect of preventing annexation threatened in the past by the City of Farmington, and more recently by the city of Nov.

incorporation would establish a "chain of command" instead of the autonomous elected administrators currently in township hall, he says.

It would also result in more taxes returned directly to the area, taxes now controlled by the county.

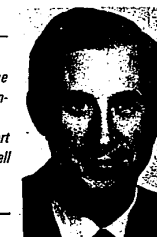
"People don't realize how little power the township actually has," he said.

McCONNELL attacked his opponent, Teeple's, for his failure to take a position on the issue of incorporation.

"There is a lack of leadership at the township board," he said. Teeple's has maintained he is not actually anti-incorporation, but he was the

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Robert McConnell Campaigns For Cityhood



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