



# Governor To Ride In Founders Queen Festival Parade

**BULLETIN**—It has just been learned that Governor William Milliken has accepted an invitation to ride in the Festival Parade. He will be guest of honor in the parade which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 26. He will meet with city and township officials while in Farmington.

will include many more attractions than previous years.

Residents should plan to bring their lawn chairs and straw hats and prepare for a long, but enjoyable, sit in the sun.

**THIS YEAR'S** parade will contain eight bands and 15 floats, much larger than last year's half a dozen floats.

Parade marshal will be Sid Abel, general

manager of the Detroit Red Wings, and efforts are still being made to persuade Governor William Milliken to ride in the parade.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 26. Formation will be at the Grand River Drive-In Theatre with units marching west on Grand River to Farmington Rd.

Parade highlights will include the many bands from the entire metropolitan area, clowns, floats and a host of dignitaries.

Special units coming from Detroit to participate are the Moslem Lancers, Keystone Kops and the Oriental Band.

**INTERSPERSED** throughout the parade will be a variety of floats which will be competing for the Best Float in Parade trophy.

The trophy will be awarded to the float which best represents the 1969 theme — "Farmington, Where Yesterday Meets Tomorrow."

Making special appearances for the younger set will be Bozo the Clown and Sergeant Sacto.

The Festival Queen and her court will ride in a caravan led by the colorful Detroit Edison calliope.

One of the highlights of the parade will be a float especially designed, created and constructed by Niemela Construction Co. and sponsored by Thompson-Brown Co.

The float will be for the radio and television personalities who participated in the Founders Festival International Pigeon Race on July 17 at the Danish Inn.

Each station in the metropolitan Detroit-Windsor area will have a representative on the float, a replica of the trophy given the winner of the pigeon race.

Among the radio and television personalities expected to appear in the parade are: Dick Purtan of WXYZ; Robin Seymour of WXON; Tom Michaels and Wayne Phillips of WCAR; Bob Allison of WWJ; Jim Launce of WJR; Tom Jones of WQTE; Tom Dean, K. O. Bayley, Jim Hampton and Hank O'Neil of WJBK; and Mr. Ring Master of CKLW.



YESTERDAY AND TODAY ... BUT WHAT ABOUT TOMORROW?



The Moslem Oriental Bands received honorable mention in the 1968 Festival competition.



**'FRATERNAL YESTERDAY MEETS' TOMORROW** Within the short space of a mile or two, two of Farmington's leading fraternal organizations offer a fitting example of the Founders Festival theme. On the left is the old city hall built in 1876 that now is the Masonic Temple, and on the right is the Elks new headquarters on Orchard Lake Road, built only a year ago. (Evert photo)