

The sky exploded over Oakland Community College during the annual fireworks show.

Festival makes big hit

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"The carnival is a big money-maker, although this year it didn't do as well as we'd anticipated due to the limited space at this year's location."

Due to the limited space, says Grant, the carnival was not able to put on as big a show as originally planned.

"The place (for the carnival) will definitely be changed next year — it needs a larger site," Grant added that the carnival could solve a lot of the financial problems of the festival, if handled properly.

GRANT ATTRIBUTES the success

of the festival to the experience of the festival committee and its 11-member board of directors.

"I had a really good board of directors who took a lot of the pressure off me because they had experience from being involved with the festival the year before."

Festival committee members put in 16-hour days during the run of the festival, says Grant.

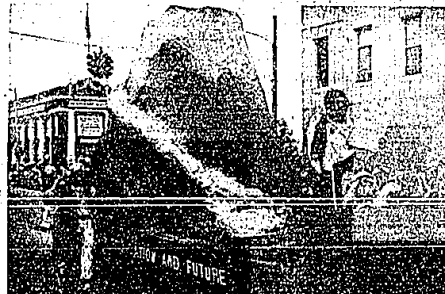
"It's non-stop. Parade people work throughout the night on Friday and go right to the parade site on Saturday morning."

PLANNING FOR the festival goes on nearly all year, says Grant. The committee will take a two-month break and then start meeting again sometime in September to plan next year's festival.

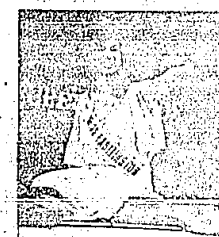
There are a few changes planned for next year's festival, says Grant. The carnival might be moved to a bigger location and the arts and crafts section might be expanded.

But Grant wants to see nothing eliminated from the festival.

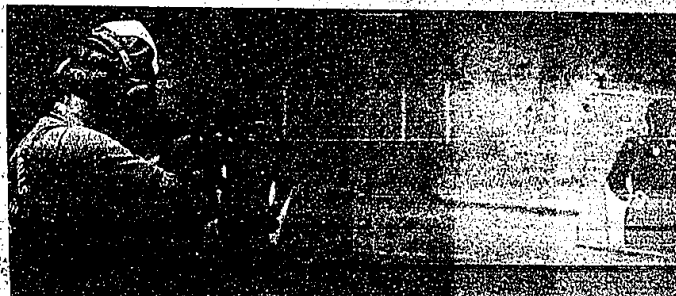
"I'd like to see it just get bigger and bigger and bigger."



First place for best organizational float went to Central Church of Christ in Farmington.



Mary Christine Porter, Miss Farmington, was one of the favorites in this year's parade.



Farmington High auxiliary, police officer Paul Thompson machine gun during the fireworks display.

memory lane

Memories, memories... have we got the memories. And we'd like to share them with you. Using local newspaper files, we are digging up generous slices of life in the Farmington community from 40, 30, 20 and 10 years ago.

JULY 27, 1944 —

"JUMP ON THE Republican bandwagon!" urged an item in the Around the Block column on page one of the Farmington Enterprise. "Next Monday and Tuesday will see the Republican State Convention in session in Grand Rapids to complete the party ticket for the November election. With Oakland County having its own candidate, Charlie Sparks, as a nominee for auditor general, Republicans in this community are showing more than usual interest in the coming campaign."

"A JOB OF face lifting is going on at the Civic Theatre this week, for the theatre is being completely redecorated. It is hoped that theatre audiences will sufficiently appreciate the new paint job, so they will take care of it, rather than mark up the walls with lipstick, crayon, or whatever else is handy at the moment. The theater is there for you to enjoy, so please don't abuse the privilege."

"TALENT!" SCREAMED an advertisement for a Detroit newspaper. "The Daily Detroit Times brings you: Walter Winchell, E.V. Durling, Dr. Cledening, George Dixon, Paul Mallon, 'Bugs' Baer, Geo. E. Sokolsky."

CLASSIFIED AD: "LOST — One sheep and two lambs. Missing since Sunday morning. Children's pets. Phone 325-J." Another classified: "WANTED — Lady wants ironing. 75 cents an hour. 20350 Floral, near 8 Mile and Grand River."

JULY 29, 1954 —

CONSTRUCTION OF A building which would house the Michigan Bell Telephone Company's Farmington Exchange was "progressing nicely" at Grand River and Power Road, according to a newspaper account. Plans called for the completion of the building by December, and the installation of a new dial telephone system by September, 1955.

DANCER'S DEPARTMENT Store in Farmington advertised "cool and comfortable" summer dresses for \$2.77 and \$3.47 during the annual July clearance sale.

FARMINGTON MEAT 22, 12419 Grand River, advertised cigarettes for "less than a carton" — 100 cigarettes for 39 cents a pound and Double Sugar for 45 cents for a five-pound bag.

"POWERFUL NEW" Hudson automobiles — Hornets, Wags and Jets — were advertised at Tavern Auto Sales, 23001 Grand River.

BRADLEY RETAIL Drug Store, 33323 Grand River, advertised 501 Hepatitis for 35 cents for a 33-ounce bottle.

SHORT ITEM: "It is only the fear of God that can deliver us from the fear of men."

CLASSIFIED AD: "1951 HENRY J 4-door, 2-door good. Why walk? Drive this one for only \$10. Balance E-Z. Six months written warranty. Berling-McHugh, Inc., 30680 Grand River. Phone 2690. Open 'Till 9:00."

"THE GOLDEN Mask" with Wanda Hendryx and Van Heflin was the attraction at the Farmington Civic Theatre. Also playing was "Beachhead" with Frank Lovejoy and Tony Curtis.

JULY 30, 1964 —

RESIDENTS OF Forest park subdivision received notices from the Oakland County Department of Public Works July 25 that all lawn sprinkling and non-essential use of water was forbidden until further notice. The ban was imposed because one of the wells supplying the subdivision homes with water had ceased functioning, cutting the water supply by about 30 percent.

LAKESHIRE WAS THE name chosen by the Farmington Board of Education for the next elementary school in the Farmington District. The new school was to have been constructed on a 10.75-acre site in Section 26 of Farmington Township.

DENTON BUICK, 25330 Grand River, advertised a four-door Special V-8 for \$2,358, and a four-door LeSabre for \$2,842.

THE GRAND RIVER Drive In, on Grand River west of Middlebelt, was showing "Tom Jones" with Albert Finney and Susannah York, and "A New Kind of Love" with Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward.

"DOES SANTA visit you 4 times a year?" asked an advertisement for First Farmington Savings and Loan, which was paying four percent paid quarterly on savings accounts.

JULY 29, 1974 —

FARMINGTON GIRL Scouts Dawn Stanton and Gladys Martin of Junior Troop 177, Girl School, delivered a check for \$25 to be used to help get a historical marker placed on a 180-year-old building in the Nankin Mills Nature Center in Westland.

A RESOLUTION encouraging all members of the Republican Party to vote Republican in the 1974 primary was adopted by the Farmington Hills Republican Club. "All voters should be working on getting the best of their own party nominated," said Dr. Lee Wainstock, a member of the organization.

FARMINGTON'S AMERICAN Legion baseball team dropped a 4-1 decision to Rochester in an 18th District game played at Rochester High on July 24. Fourth and fifth innings, Farmington had runners on first. Both were eliminated on double plays.

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INTRODUCING THE ESCADA FALL COLLECTION. TODAY, JULY 26, IN THE NORTHLAND OVAL ROOM, AND TOMORROW, JULY 27, IN THE EASTLAND OVAL ROOM. INFORMAL MODELING FROM 11 TO 3.



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