



SECOND PLACE The City of Farmington Beautification Committee's float shown above was the second-place winner in Saturday morning's festival parade. (Evert photo)



TOWNSHIP ENTRY—Among the many antique cars driven in Saturday's festival parade was the above entered by the Township of Farmington Beautification Committee. (Evert photo)

Rain Didn't Discourage 10,000 Parade Watchers

FARMINGTON

Despite a hefty rain and an hours delay in starting, Farmington turned out en masse for Saturday morning's sixth annual Founders Festival parade.

The parade was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. but a half-hour before starting time a heavy burst of rain hit Farmington, making victims of two floats at the assembly point.

Besides the two float casualties, Gov. Milliken also failed to make an appearance. The governor called Friday night to cancel his appearance as parade marshal because of illness.

... SPECTATORS LINING Grand River, Orchard Lake and Farmington Rds. numbered somewhere between 10-15,000. It was the usual good turnout for a festival parade as the rains proved unhelpful to reduce the turnout.

The parade, which lasted 60 minutes, began with city and township police squad cars clearing a path for the dozens of units following behind.

After the color guard marched by, the festival queen and her court passed, waving from convertibles. The warm smiles of Maria Zimmermann, Marsha Albrecht and Barb Robbins established a festive mood for the parade which stepped up its pace with the flashy horsemanship of the Farmington Township Police Mounted Auxiliary.

Next came "Madame Lucyle-Voiture 811," a train engine entered by the Oakland County Sesqui-Centennial Committee. Lucyle was followed by the Farmington Historical Society's float with the theme "Today's news is tomorrow's history."

A bit of today's news followed with an entry from "The Group," teens from the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. It was a Volkswagen moving backwards with anti-pollution slogans pasted on it.

A bike contingent kept the VW moving along and the kids on bikes were followed by a float entered by Alexander Hamilton carrying teen folk-singers from Detroit First Church of the Nazarene singing such numbers as "This Land Is Your Land."

... THE SPIRITED music continued with the marching youth band of the Guardsmen of Flint.

Then the kids' favorites, Bozo and Hodini, passed by in a convertible. Riding with them was Hayden Cameron's niece from Canada carrying the Canadian flag. She was visiting her uncle, who was special events co-chairman for the festival, and ended up sharing the limelight with Bozo.

The U.S. Navy's Polaris nuclear submarine missile followed with the slogan "Seapower for Peace." Next came a group of young people riding unicycles — most stayed up.

FIRST-PLACE float winner was the Clarenceville-Farmington Optimists. The City of Farmington Beautification Committee placed second and Alexander Hamilton placed third in float competition.

Top winner in band competition was the Guardsmen of Flint which the day before placed fourth in state-wide competition held by the American Legion.

Second-place in band competition went to the Moslem's pipe band and third to the Border Cities Pipe Band.

Marching unit winners were: 1—the Moslem Temple of Detroit's Americans; 2—the tie between the Lancers and the uni-cycles; 3—the Red-Chamers, young majorettes in bright red uniforms and white feathers on caps.

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The Bad Witch Is Foiled Again
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FARMINGTON

Notorious deeds took over Friday in Farmington City Hall.

The hooked-nosed bad witch came to town and invaded the council chambers with intent to do dastardly things to golden haired Hansel and Gretel.

THE HORRENDOUS tale which ended happily of course, was acted out by the Farmington Jaycee Auxiliary puppeteers over a packed house at every show.

For the 10 a.m. showing, almost 60 youngsters sat enthralled, along with about 25 adults trying to pretend they weren't as enthralled as the kids.

The ration of adults to children was pretty nerve-racking to some adults. One harassed mother counted noses, reached five and then sighed worriedly. "I feel like I'm missing somebody."

The children tried their best to be quiet and to behave, but as the exciting story of Hansel and Gretel's near escape from the witch's oven unfolded, excitement mounted.

BUT IN TRUE fairy story fashion, Hansel and Gretel were saved, the bad witch met her doom and all was well.

The Jaycees use the Walt Disney version of Hansel and Gretel for their show and it is delightful because the Disney version uses some of the beautiful music from the opera "Hansel and Gretel."

The Jaycees' puppeteers are skillfully made, with the proper long golden hair for Gretel and a rag mop style of golden hair for Hansel. The witch is correctly as ugly as sin.

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