

7TH ANNUAL Farmington FOUNDERS FESTIVAL

July 29-31



Milliken, Griffin Here Saturday; Outstanding Parade Is Scheduled

Saturday's Farmington Founders Festival Parade promises to out-do all previous parades with seven spectacular bands, some 15 floats, a number of state dignitaries and numerous other entries.

Among the many dignitaries who have agreed to ride in Saturday's parade are: Governor William W. Milliken; U.S. Sen. Robert Griffin; State Sen. Carl Pursell; State Rep. Raymond L. Baker; and County Commissioner Delos Hamlin.

THE OUTSTANDING band in the parade, at least numerically, will be The Marauders Drum and Bugle Corps from Madison Heights. The Marauders are the 1970-71 VFW state championship band and are 100-members strong. The musicians will be dressed in the original West Point Military Academy uniform.

Another outstanding band will be the Guardsman Senior Drum and Bugle Corps from Flint. The 90-member corps entered last year's Festival parade and was selected first-place winner in the band competition.

ALSO ENTERING is the Acorn Pipes and Drum corps from Royal Oak. This band will feature as pipe major James Mahaffey from Belfast, Ireland.

Another impressive band entry will be the Townsman Drum and Trumpet corps, a 70-member band from Leamington, Ontario.

The Moslems of Detroit will be represented by the Moslem Oriental Band, Highland Band, and the Moslem Drum and Bugle Corps.

There will be two motorcycle drill teams coming down Grand River - The Moslem Drill Team, a favorite repeater, and the Farmington Elks Drill Team which was just organized this year and will be in the Festival parade for the first time.

ALSO EXPECTED to appear is the Detroit Police Department's mounted drill team.

A number of antique cars will be seen including the car driven by the Munster family from the television series and the "Batmobile."

Also represented will be the fine bands from Farmington Public Schools as well as scout groups, 4-H riders, dogs, horses and many clowns for the delight of children.

The parade will assemble at the drive-in theater on Grand River with the parade beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 31. Parade route will be west on Grand River and south on Farmington Rd. to the assembly point.

At 11:30 a.m., there will be a special "Pageant of the Drums" ceremony in the Downtown Farmington Center. Following the pageant, trophies will be presented for the best floats, band, marching units, etc.

PARADE MARSHAL will be Miss Oakland County Barbara Robbins, a Farmington resident who was a member of the 1970 Festival Queen's Court.

There will be plenty of beautiful young girls entering the parade including the 1971 Festival queen and her court (to be announced Thursday night). 1971 VFW Miss Americanism Pam Clifford and the Liberty Belles.

D. Keith Deacon, second vice chairman of the Festival committee, says he expects some 15 floats to be entered in the parade by civic and governmental organizations in the Farmington area.

A highlight which will occur just before the parade starts will be the finishing of the mini-marathon foot race.

The mini-marathon, a new attraction added to this year's festival, will begin at 7 a.m. Saturday at the Farmington Township Hall with competitors coming down Grand River past spectators awaiting the parade's beginning, enroute to the finish line.



QUEEN & COURT — The 1970 Festival Queen and her court were announced Thursday night before a large group of spectators in downtown Farmington. Finals were held in the Elks Temple with all but three of the 10 semi-finalists being eliminated. The 1970

Founders Festival court is: (from left) Barbara Robbins, second runnerup; Maria Zimmersman, queen; and Marsha Albrecht, first runnerup. (Fran Evert photo)

Festival Queen Will Be Crowned Thursday

Excitement is beginning to gather in Farmington as the Founders Festival begins tomorrow (Thursday). One of the most exciting events, particularly for the young women in the community, is the Queen's Pageant under the direction of Mrs. Chris Reichardt.

This year, 18 to 20 young women have entered the contest and are getting ready for the final judging to be held Thursday, July 29, at 4:30 p.m. in the Farmington Elks Lodge. Attendance will be by invitation only.

THE CROWNING of the queen and her court, highlight of the pageant, will be held Thursday, July 29 at 7 p.m. in the Downtown Farmington Center area.

Preliminary judging was held Tuesday, July 27, in Harrison High School with the public watching as the field was narrowed down to 10 semi-finalists.

During the preliminary judging, the contestants selected a "Miss Congeniality" from among the entrants. The winner of this title will also be announced Thursday evening.

JUDGES for this year's pageant include: Joe Hepler of Hepler's, Farmington; Millie Kelly, a professional model; and a third judge to be announced.

Ray Otis, WCAR disc jockey, will act as master of ceremonies for the pageant crowning in the Downtown

Center Thursday. A talent presentation will be made by Miss Barbara Robbins, 1971 Miss Oakland County and 1970 Founders Festival second runnerup plus other outstanding entertainment. The queen will be crowned by Miss Marcia Albrecht, 1970 Festival first runnerup. The queen and her court will receive engraved silver bowls, flowers and a college scholarship.

Flowers for the queen and her court and an antique car for the winners to ride in during the parade on Saturday, July 31, will be provided by Lawrence Mayer, local florist.



NEW REIGN — Miss Maria Zimmersman begins her new reign as 1970 Farmington Founders Festival queen as the crown is placed upon her head by Miss Cathy Stock. (Ralph Evert photo)



STUNNED — Maria Zimmersman was so stunned when her name was announced as 1970 Festival Queen that her reaction was silence. This picture, taken at the exact moment of surprise, shows the winner with her mouth dropped open. But not even a muffled scream was heard. (Ralph Evert photo)