



**BEARD CONTEST WINNERS** at the Farmington Founders Festival were, from left, Robert Goers, the reddest; Roger Goers, the neatest; John Foley, the longest; and Wally Christensen, the curliest. The four were chosen Friday evening from the entries in the contest co-sponsored by the Farmington Elks and the Farmington Enterprise.



**HARRISON JOHNSON**, a resident of Farmington for more than 50 years, accepts a certificate of appreciation from Ned Oglesby during the "Farmington Honors Its Own" ceremonies following the Farmington Founders Festival Parade. Mr. Johnson was one of the long-time residents of the community honored.



**THE FARMINGTON ELKS** served thousands of ox sandwiches from their Ox Roast stand in the Downtown Center parking lot. Three members of the local fraternal order man the spit with the entire ox over the coals. During the three days of the Festival the Elks had meat strizzling all the time while the men took over the cooking chores.



**WATERMELON** is awfully good, but sometimes it poses problems on the best means of eating. Four-year-old Live Anderson of 23180 Purdue tackles her piece near the Farmington Scleroplast booth during the three-day Farmington Founders Festival.



**BOZO THE CLOWN** delighted the kids with his appearance in the Farmington Founders Festival parade. The jovial, gentleman rode from side to side during the length of the parade route and was warmly greeted by each and every younger along the way.

## Festival Has Crowds

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games were in progress. More than 800 people were served at the Jaycee Chicken Barbeque Saturday night and many of them stayed to enjoy another open air band concert—this one by the Farmington Community Summer Band.

The fun-packed three days drew a close Saturday evening when the City of Farmington sponsored a square dance in the Downtown Center parking lot. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Wood were the callers for the event.

All in all we guess it really isn't surprising that the Board of Commerce office was relatively quiet Monday morning.

The winners were: Robert Goers, the reddest; Roger Goers, the neatest; John Foley, the longest; and Wally Christensen, the curliest.

A capacity crowd filled the Farmington Junior High Auditorium to see the top notch entertainment provided by the local folk at the Founders Follies Friday night.

Following this some of the members of the audience—Queen Debbie Mann and her official chaparrone Mayor and Mrs. Sandy Brotherton made the mad dash to Metropolitan Airport to meet TV star Marta Kristin as she got a plane from Hollywood in time to participate in Saturday's festivities.

**Saturday morning** crowds, estimated at 10,000 by the police, lined the parade route down Grand River to view the Festival Parade.

Following this they then traveled to the Village Green to help Farmington Honor Its Own. A total of 12 achievement awards were presented to Farmington residents for distinction in fields ranging from drama and music to industry and sports.

The community also took time at this point to honor its founders with certificates going to 12 residents who were more than 80 years of age and have lived in Farmington for at least 30 of those years.

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With that the Council voted to meet in the executive session Aug. 11.

Brotherton said that he had talked to Vagnozzi and explained the problem to him, that he could not speak for the Council and that he would not be in town on the night of the meeting, but promised to let the Democrats know what the feeling of the Council was and what action was being taken.

Allen said that he would be present at the meeting "as a citizen, but not as a councilman" and City Attorney Robert Kelly was instructed to be present. City Manager John Dinan said that he would have some technical information available about financial liabilities for the Democrats meeting.

Brotherton said that Vagnozzi had told him that a similar request had gone to the Township officials who had refused to attend.

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Following this the crowd dispersed to visit the sidewalk sales, the ox roast, the many booths around town or the City Park where baseball



**DIANE HAMILTON**, 12, of 21943 Robinwood, took first place with 74 jumps in the Farmington Area Recreation Commission's Annual Field Day held Friday in conjunction with the Farmington Founders Festival.

## Schools

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Linn Smith and Associates, it is expected to be constructed and furnished at a cost in excess of \$1 1/2 million.

This proposed fourth junior high will include 28 rooms including a gym, cafeteria, music and art rooms and will be able to accommodate 700 students. The building will have about 75,000 square feet and occupy a 32 acre site. Exterior design will be very similar to the original East Junior High School.

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## The "Centaur Post"

A column that appears every now and then in this space to let you know what's going on at Centaur Farm Stables.

## IT'S OFFICIAL!

The name of the beautiful fifty foot born July 3rd to Centaur, Halstead Mare "Meg" has been officially registered as "Sunday's Child". Credit for naming her must be given to Andrew Pratt, 12 year old daughter of Tony Pratt, General Manager of Centaur, located on Drake Road near Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield Township. "Sunday's Child" will soon join Touche, the first foal to be born at Centaur, in the Stables, and then you must come out to see him. Touche recently celebrated her first birthday.

## MORE HISTORY

Readers have asked us to continue with our discussion of the history of various breeds of horses, and today we comply with a discussion of the American Quarter Horse, which is the official designation of a prominent breed which claims an origin in the English saddle horse, which was taken to Virginia in 1736 and prospered as a racing strain noted for its extreme speed over a quarter of a mile and similar short distances. With the advent of courses or four-mile racing, it retreated to the background and finally found a home in the far southwest.

There the breed was kept alive by frontiersmen and cowboys in a desolate way until it became the subject of organized promotion and publicity. Its ancestral elements are chiefly Thoroughbred with an admixture of the blood of the plains or range horse descended from the prize "wild" horse. Of the last named variety, few genuine specimens survive; the modern representatives of the "wild" horse are the mustangs, bronchos, day-eyes, pintos and other subspecies reared and used upon the ranges.

In a "Centaur Post" column some we will discuss the founding of the American Quarter Horse Society, which is, surprisingly, of rather recent vintage.

## HOW SMART?

The intelligence of the horse has been appreciated in widely different times. Ordinarily it is ranked fourth among the lower animals, following the elephant, ape and dog. On the other hand, the horse has been dropped to tenth or even lower in the scale. Whatever your opinion of horses' intelligence, including them is a wonderful sport. Come out to Centaur Farm Stables, on Drake Road near the crossroads of Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield Township and let us show you how interesting we can make it for YOU!

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**PRIZES** were in store for about everyone at the Farmington Founders Festival. Three-year-old Mary Ann Pell of 32631 Meadowlark won a monkey which she displays proudly.



**COWBOY HATS** are the preferred headgear of the younger set in Farmington and during the sidewalk sales of the Farmington Founders Festival Mrs. Colburn uses



all her selling powers on, from left, Caprice of the younger set in Farmington and Mary Ann Pell, 31. They live at 32631 Meadowlark Court. (Photos by Tom Donoghue)

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