

Festival Needs Support Of Everyone

An effort to retain the local atmosphere of the Founders Festival . . . That's what the Farmington Board of Commerce is trying to do by scheduling the Founders Follies (June 29 and 30) a month prior to the Festival (July 27, 28 and 29) and billing it as a "benefit."

CONTRARY TO A POPULAR notion, the Board of Commerce has not made any profit

from past festivals. In fact, it has underwritten them to the tune of \$3,000 each year. This year, the board decided that a time had come to appeal to the residents for help. Thus the "benefit" tag to the Follies. What the board proposes to do is to provide an evening of musical entertainment in return for the cost of the Follies tickets. The tickets are priced at \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12.

Target for the board is \$3,500, which is the estimated cost of this year's Festival. The alternative, sponsors say, will be to bring in a series of rides or some other money-making venture with the proceeds going to the Board of Commerce to pay the Festival bill. Thus, it's up to the residents of Farmington to decide if they want to retain the unique

atmosphere of the Festival or to see it develop more of a carnival or county fair atmosphere. Last year the businessmen were asked to help support the festival, and they are being asked again this year. However, the business community can't do it alone. That's why the Board of Commerce is appealing to the general public.

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The Old and New Graduates...



A STUDY IN CONTRAST to 1967 graduating classes is offered by this picture of the Farmington High School commencement class of 1896. In the back row are (left to right) Mark Wixom, Bert Northrup, Edgar Cox, Ernest Blanchard and Floyd Cogsdill. Seated left to right are Evelyn (Lynn) Delleng, later Mrs. Mark

Wixom; Harry N. McCracken, superintendent and former owner of the Enterprise; Edna Bolsford, later Mrs. George Wilcox; Edna Blanchard, twin sister of Ernest who married a man named Forsythe; and Nellie Bloomer. Photo courtesy of the Farmington Historical Society.

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OUR LADY OF MERCY graduates received their diplomas at ceremonies June 11. Among the 205 students was Roberta Lindbert, daughter of former Farmington mayor and Mrs. Robert Lindbert, 23701 Wilmarth. At her right is commencement speaker Fr. Albert Nutting, of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish, Detroit.

1967 Grads Are Conservative Lot

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following analysis of this year's high school graduate first appeared in Farmington High's "Blue & White." The author, Ron Schulze, will study journalism at Northwestern University in the fall. He was winner of the journalism award this year at FHS.)

The young in the sixties have been called The Dedicated Generation for their new found role of involvement over pressing social issues. They are also reputed to be believers of the roundly condemned new morality, with its negative connotations of pot, long hair, free love, etc.

That's the sensationalized, if distorted, picture. Fredelle Maynard, writing in the New Republic of May 20, came closer to the truth. Based on a sampling of some 130,000 essays from the English Achievement Test, he found high school seniors, 1967, to be "... a remarkably conservative lot."

WITH GRADUATION and a short-lived sense of freedom only days away, what are the real moods and attitudes of Farmington Seniors?

From this viewpoint, FHS twelfth graders conform to a national standard of a "conservative lot." Politically, most look distastefully at anti-war demonstrations, although demonstrations for "integration" were all right a few years back.

A look at the values most Farmington seniors hold high is more revealing. Various terms such as college education, a good job, success, etc., the overriding goal is the same as it was for their parents — the pursuit of affluence.

The draft is beginning to worry some senior boys, but those who have been accepted at college feel protected. And about Vietnam, the deeply troubled attitude seems to be, "Born them back to the Stone Age if necessary and get it over with."

ALCOHOL, that perplexing elixir, is being tried by a surprisingly large percentage of FHS seniors.

The drug scene never made it here and probably won't.

Apathy and ignorance are the rule in public affairs.

Once free from apron strings, attitudes will change for many. But, as for now, while always searching for an action-packed weekend, FHS seniors seem to have tuned out the social activities of The Dedicated Generation and the rebels of the New Morality.

It seems almost heresy and it may crush some egos to say that in 1967 FHS seniors are not really that different from graduating classes of 10 and even 20 years ago.



GRADUATING SENIORS and junior class members at Our Lady of Sorrows High School took part in a colorful torch-and-rose ceremony June 7 marking graduation festivities. Here, one of the 87 graduates, Gary Littlefield, former president of the Student Council, receives a rose and presents a lighted candle to John Hughes, next year's council president. The candle symbolizes the torch of leadership.



GUEST SPEAKER, Dr. W. Harry Jellema, is shown as he delivered his baccalaureate address June 11 to the 380 Farmington High School graduates. Students were attentive as they heard Jellema describe, "The Worth of the Individual." North Farmington High held baccalaureate ceremonies the same night.



SWING-OUT CEREMONIES are an important event for graduates as they first don their caps and gowns. Both public high schools had swing-outs June 9. North Farmington High's 355 graduates line up outside for their march into the school auditorium.