



FARMINGTON FOUNDERS FESTIVAL & CENTENNIAL

Wednesday, July 26, 1967

Founders Festival Begins Tomorrow



SALE OF RAZOR BLADES always goes down in Farmington around Festival time as the male residents sprout hirsute growths for the FFBGC (Farmington Founders Beard Growing Contest). The Elks are the ones behind this masculine effort. Judges and winners in last year's contest line up, left to right, Miss Rita Bell, of WXYZ-TV; Tony Spina, chief

photographer for the Detroit Free Press; Bob Goers, winner in the reddest beard category; Roger Goers, winner for the neatest beard; John Foley, who grew the longest beard; Wally Christenson, sporting the curliest beard; Pat "Madcap" Murphy, of WXYZ-TV; and Deborah Mann, last year's queen.

Bearded Men Just One Festival Event



ALTHOUGH THE ELKS contend that more than 25 have registered in the beard growing contest only six contestants, showed up for the second scheduled picture taking session last week at the Lodge. The efforts of the men will be judged at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Elks ox-roast in the Downtown Center. In the middle is Archie Cairns, while from the left in the second row are Tom Leach and Leonard Weems. From left in the back on the right of Cairns are, Robert Goers, Roger Goers and George Walters.

Many And Varied Events Are Founders Festival Fare

Band concerts, a queen contest, a parade, sidewalk sales, and a variety of games are all featured in the third annual Farmington Founders Festival beginning tomorrow (Thursday, July 27).

Actually, the three-day festival got off to an early start last night when the preliminaries of the contest to name Miss Farmington Founders Festival were staged at Demery's Department Store.

Tomorrow, beginning at 5 p.m., the winner and her court will be chosen at the East Junior High School.

Following the contest, the finalists will ride to the Village Green, just west of the Masonic Temple, for the announcement of Miss Founders Festival of 1967 and the coronation.

Ceremonies are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Green. In case of rain the winner will be announced and crowned at East Junior High.

Earlier Thursday evening the White Shrine No. 44 will host a smorgasbord in the Masonic Temple. Serving begins at 5 p.m.

Following the coronation of the queen the Franklin Village Band will sponsor a free band concert beginning at 8 p.m. The concert is scheduled for the Village Green and will be transferred to Farmington Junior High in case of rain.

At 9 p.m. the teenagers will stage the annual FATAC teen dance at East. Dick Purdin, WKRN Disc Jockey, will be featured at the dance.

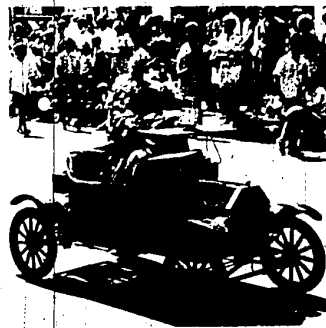
BEGINNING THURSDAY the Farmington Elks will stage their annual ox roast in the Downtown Center. The sandwiches will be served throughout the three days of the Festival.

Also setting up shop in the Center for the Festival's duration will be the Farmington Jaycees. They will feature fried chicken as a lead in to the annual Jaycee Chicken Barbeque Saturday in the City Park. The Jaycee dinner will be served from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday.

Friday night both the teens and the "older" generation will have the opportunity to dance under the stars. The Farmington Township

Police Officers association will host a community-wide dance in the Demery's Parking Lot beginning at 9 p.m.

Two separate bands will be featured at this event.



THE FESTIVAL PARADE has everything — even clowns. This year's parade will form at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 29, and proceed west on Grand River from the Grand River Drive-In to Farmington Rd. The speakers stand will be located on Grand River just east of the Downtown Center.

Early Cows Had Special Rights

Old-timers in Farmington recall the "good old days" when one of the area's first ordinances passed by the common council prohibited all wives, horses, mules and cattle from running at large. The only exceptions were cows giving milk. They were allowed to roam at will from 6

to 8:30 in the morning during the months of June, July and August. Winter curfew, however, took them off the streets as early as 7 a.m.

Speaking of milk, "Milky the Clown" will take part in the Farmington Founders Festival Parade at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 29.

SATURDAY'S ACTIVITIES include the Festival parade beginning at 10 a.m., speakers, a day-long art exhibit at the City Hall, a horse show sponsored by the Masonic Temple as a Festival Benefit, the Jaycee Barbeque, and city sponsored square dance and sports events throughout the afternoon.

The horse show will begin at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the day at 12 Mile and Farmington Rd.

Farmington's Little Leaguers will hold their annual All Star Games Saturday in the city park. The Minor League All Stars play at 3 p.m., while the major league teams take the field at 7 p.m.

At 8:30 p.m. a girls' softball game will be held in the city park.

Harley Woods will call at the square dance beginning at 9 p.m. in the parking lot of the Downtown Center.

In addition to all these activities, sidewalk sales will be sponsored by the merchants throughout the Festival. Concessions, games of skill, and exhibits will also take place throughout Farmington during the Festival.

The Parade Route

The Founders Festival Parade will form at the Drive-In Theatre on Grand River just east of Orchard Lake Rd.

Starting time for the parade is 10 a.m. The parade route will be Grand River Ave. west from the theatre to Farmington Rd.

A speakers stand will be located on the Otis property on Grand River just east of the Downtown Center. Following the parade Sen. Philip A. Hart (D) and 18th District Congressman Jack McDonald (R) will speak.

The Festival Committee estimates that the parade will take about an hour and a half to pass any given point.

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