

# Founders Festival Opens This Week

## Original Events Re-set

Farmington's third annual Founders Festival gets off to a belated start this week. Originally scheduled for July 27, 28 and 29, the Festival was postponed because of the Detroit riots. The Festival is now scheduled for Aug. 17, 18 and 19.

All of the original activities will be held on the three days. TICKETS for the special events originally purchased for the July dates will be honored this week.

One change has been necessary because of the postponement: U.S. Senator Philip A. Hart was originally scheduled to be one of the featured speakers at the conclusion of the Festival parade on Saturday.

Hart, however, was forced to cancel out with the change in dates. The other speaker, 19th District Congressman Jack McDonald, will still be able to keep the date and is expected to make the address following the conclusion of the parade.

An early kickoff for the Festival will be Tuesday (Aug. 15) evening when the preliminary judging in the Miss Founders Festival Contest will be staged at the Demery's Department Store. Judging will begin at 7 p.m.

Thursday evening beginning at 5 p.m. the finals in this contest will be staged at Independence Green. A special contest will be served at the Elks club for the contestants who will participate in a motorcade east on Grand River to the Village Green, where the winner will be announced and crowned at 7:30 p.m.

AT NOON THURSDAY the Farmington Elks will begin their annual Ox Roast in the parking lot of the Downtown Center. Ox-roast sandwiches will be served at the Elks club for the three days of the Festival.

A smorgasbord dinner will be served by the White Shrine ladies at the Masonic Temple from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday. An open air band concert will be staged at 8 p.m. at the Village Green by the Franklin Community Band.

Setting up shop at the Downtown Center for the entire Festival will be the Farmington Jaycees. Their booth will feature Kentucky hot sauce as a prize in the annual Jaycee Chicken Barbecue Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the city park.

Thursday evening the FATAC organization of the YMCA will host a teen dance beginning at 8 p.m. at the Eastern Star High School. Dick Purin, WGNR disc jockey will be featured at this event.

Friday evening's activities include a County Threshers Dinner at the Masonic Temple. The Eastern Star ladies will begin to serve the dinner at 5 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m. the Elks will choose the winners of their beard growing contest at the center of the ox-roast activity at the Downtown Center.

People should enjoy 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 at the Demery's Parking Lot beginning at 9 p.m.

Two separate bands, one for each generation, will be featured.

Saturday's activities include the Festival parade beginning at 10 a.m.; speakers following the parade; a day-long art exhibit on the lawn of the City Hall; an all-weather horse show; the Jaycee Barbecue; and a city sponsored square dance in the evening.

The horse show will begin at 8 a.m. and continue throughout the day at 12 Mile and Farmington Rd. The event is sponsored by the Farmington Masons.

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

## Senate OK's Boundary Commission

A proposal to create a state boundary commission to deal with incorporation and consolidation petitions has been passed by the State Senate and awaits House action.

State Rep. Ray Baker, R-Farmington, said that he did not think the proposal would be considered when the Legislature reconvenes for its special session in October.

The bill, however, will not die at the end of that session, but will be carried over for House action when the new session begins in January.

SPECIFICALLY the bill, if enacted, would create a three-man State Boundary Commission to decide questions on the consolidation and incorporation of cities and villages. The members would be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate to three-year terms.

In addition to the state-wide members, the county probate judge would appoint two members to serve on proposals involving the county. One member must reside in a township and one within a city.

Under the bill, judicial procedures for incorporation would remain the same as the procedures for the incorporation of villages. The bill, however, requires submission of the petitions to the commission rather than the county board of supervisors or the secretary of state, in the case of townships and villages.

The commission must hold a public hearing on the incorporation petition within 60 to 180 days. Following the hearing the commission can:

• Deny the proposed incorporation;

• Approve the petition and place it on the ballot; or

• Revise the boundaries of the area proposed for incorporation and submit the question to the voters.

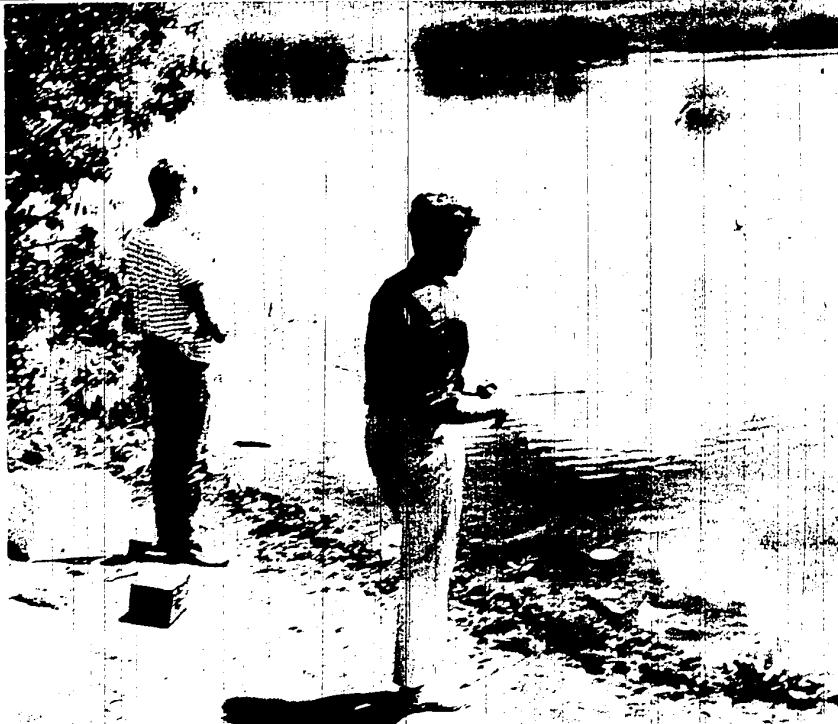
When making its decision, the commission must consider population density, assessed valuation, past and probable future urban growth, business, commercial and industrial development in the area along with the level of services and the need in the area for organized services.

IN ADDITION, the bill notes that "the general effect upon the entire community to be consolidated and the relationship of the proposed action to other established local unit or regional land use plan must be considered."

The bill changes and helps to clarify the existing laws governing the consolidation of two or more governmental units. Under the bill consolidation petitions must be filed with the boundary commission.

If the petitions are signed

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WHAT BETTER PASTIME for August than fishing? That's the attitude of these two youths at the fishing hole north of Grand River between Haggerty and Halstead Roads. This is one of the two fishing spots in Farmington. For additional pictures see page 2-A.

## What's Local Effect?

By SUE SHAUOHNESSY

If the State Senate-approved bill creating a State Boundary Commission is passed by the House, what will be the effect on Farmington Township?

Chances are that any future city incorporation petition-like the current one, which excludes two villages and most of Sec. 1—would receive a long, hard look from the Boundary Commission before they were allowed on the ballot.

(The current proposal,

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scheduled for the Oct. 23 ballot, would not be affected, however.)

The Boundary Commission, if created, might likely alter a petition proposal to include all the township.

THE BILL provides that the Boundary Commission can alter a petition proposal after consulting services and population density.

Proponents of the current proposal to form a home rule city of Farmington Hills say they excluded the two villages and Sec. 1 because of the political opposition of those areas to a 1965 incorporation proposal.

But the new bill doesn't mention political considerations.

As conceived, the Boundary Commission can be expected to alter an incorporation petition that leaves tiny areas of a township to be self-sustaining.

Historically, Michigan has

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## Road Improvement Push Loses Momentum

By HENRY J. TEUTSCH

Staff Writer

Lack of interest and reduced participation by Farmington Township residents are deadening the voice of the Road Committee sponsored by the Citizens Advisory Council of the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity.

A small group of township residents met last week in Gill Elementary School to discuss road conditions in the southwest part of the township.

Clifford Antis, 2124 Cass, chairman of the road com-

mittee, complained that interest of the people for better roads is lagging.

He said that more than 100 persons came to their first meeting in April. "Now that the roads are getting better by themselves, people don't think much about the problem any more," he said.

Only seven persons came to Tuesday's meeting.

Wesley Smith, 20917 Cass, vice chairman of the committee, said, "The trouble with the roads has lasted for 30 years."

In spring, the roads become impassable, he said. "Sometimes the mud is so deep that our mail delivery is stopped because the mailmen can't get through. Once it was halted for a week."

Smith said that the reason why no one seems to care about the condition of their roads is reflected in voter registration. "Only a small percentage of the people in this area are either registered or bother to vote," he said.

Smith blames the Oakland County Road Commission for not maintaining the roads properly. "In the winter, our roads are cleared of snow only once or twice. In the summer, the roads are hardly ever graded," he complained.

"When they do come and

grade the roads, the graders push the gravel into the drainage ditches and clog up the drains," he said.

IN SOME of the ditches a green slime has formed which the committee contends will cause disease if it is not cleared out.

So far the committee has written to Congressman Jack McDermott; Paul McCovey, Oakland County Road Commissioner and other local officials.

Smith said that the committee has received no action.

"The further we go up the ladder, the more complicated the situation becomes," he said.

The road committee is made up of volunteers and its finances are received from the contributions of its members.

William Spess, 34752 Fond, treasurer of the committee, reported that there was \$7.50 in the treasury. After reimbursing Tereasa Pinner, 33719 Edmonston, acting secretary, \$4.16 the treasury had a grand total of \$1.34.

The reimbursed money had been used for plants and flowers for committee members who were in the hospital and for the cost of correspondence that Mrs. Pinner sent out.

No new business was taken up at the Tuesday meeting, but it was decided to meet at Gill Elementary again Aug. 22.

North Farmington Grad Killed In Vietnam

Norman Barnum, of Jupiter, Fla.; two sisters, Karen Pitcock and Mrs. Linda Roberts, sister, Mrs. Betty Collier of Lafayette, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Reed, his grandparents, live in Southfield.

Rev. Charles W. Marsh, First Baptist Church of Southfield, officiated at the funeral services.

Members of the Marine Corps served as pallbearers and there was a four-man firing squad made up of the different branches of the service.

A North Farmington High School graduate and former Marine was buried Saturday with semi-military honors at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Garden City.

PFC Eliza (Ray) Pitcock, 21, son of Mrs. Lucille Barnum, 20210 Puritbrook, Livonia, was killed by sniper fire near An Hoa, Vietnam, Aug. 1.

Pitcock graduated from North Farmington in 1964 and later entered the Marines.

His body was escorted back to Detroit on Aug. 10. Visitation was at the Heesey-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., Farmington.

Mrs. Stella Koelt, Pitcock's high school counselor, said "I thought he was always a gentleman. He had his share of difficulties in high school but I always had confidence that he would straighten out after he had matured."

In high school Pitcock played baseball, basketball, and football. In 1963 he won the junior varsity baseball award.

Pitcock is survived by his mother and stepfather, Robert Barnum.

In addition to his parents, he also survived by a brother, Dale Pitcock, of Farmington; two step-brothers, Forest Barnum, of Warren; and

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## No Charge Dump Opens Up For Trash

Everyone at one time or another during the summer months accumulates unusually large amounts of grass clippings, branches, and sometimes cans and bottles.

When these things are not picked up by the garbage collector, something must be done with them. This over-abundance of refuse becomes a considerable problem for the homeowner.

For Farmington and Novi residents, there is a solution.

Mixon Contracting operates a landfill at 50250 W. 8 Mile Rd. in Novi. Ralph Clasko, company superintendent, said that as a courtesy to Farmington residents the company is allowing them to deposit some of their refuse there.

CISKIE SAID that no food stuff garbage is allowed to be dumped into the landfill. However, residents are permitted free of

charge to dump household rubbish such as cans, bottles, paper, and grass clippings.

Other items that would need to be processed, compressed into smaller quantity, such as refrigerators or washing machines will cost the people \$1 to be left at the Hill, Clasko said.

Clasko added a word of caution to anyone bringing loose rubbish in an open truck or

trailer. He said that these vehicles must be covered so that none of the rubbish will blow into the streets.

People should only use the landfill when they can't get rid of their refuse any other way. This is not a supplement to normal garbage collection but only a courtesy to Farmington residents, Clasko said.

The City and Township have

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CLARENCE LANGE dumps the garbage into the incinerator truck in the Bell Aire Subdivision. Residents have complained that their rubbish is not being collected. City Director of Public Services Ted DeBaene says that the city is doing the best job possible.

