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It Might've Been

A mass of approximately 60 pounds of plump pigeon flesh was delivered to Farmington last week and the community is still up in the air over what occurred. Reporter Howard Kohn isn't sure what happened either but, since he was assigned to cover the event, managed to come up with a bit of speculation on what "might have" happened.

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How To Buy Trees

The Township Beautification Committee has embarked on a tree-planting program and will begin selling trees during the Farmington Founders Festival. An entry blank is printed in today's edition for the convenience of township residents.

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Don't Ask Why

In Sunday's paper, an article appeared on page 3A with the headline "Area, Vocational Plans Under Study This Summer." A red-faced editor confesses today that Sunday's headline was intended for the article appearing in today's edition. Don't ask why, just read today's final article in a series on vocational education plans and progress.

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Macaroni Diet

What's ahead for a young married couple who live on Koolaid and macaroni and can't find work? For a story and pictures see

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Is It 'Good Junk'?

How about addicts who give up their sleep on an early Saturday and stand for hours in the mud and rain to outbid each other? "Good junk" that Aunt Bessie or Uncle George long ago discarded can excite the young affluent suburbanite or older lover of reminders of the past. See Fran Evert's photos of the antique auction at the Bassett Farm.

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Summer Circuit

Summer theater is usually confined to summer stock, but a new trend is the rise of high school theatrical productions. The Clarenceville District sponsors the Clarenceville Summer Theatre Players and the group closes its second season this weekend.

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Plan Huge Fireworks Milliken Visiting Farmington

Governor William Milliken will be in Farmington Saturday morning to ride as honored guest in the 1969 Farmington Founders Festival Parade. The governor will first meet with city and township officials and then take his spot in the parade lineup.

GRAND MARSHAL for the parade, which begins at 10 a.m., will be Detroit Red Wing Manager Sid Abel. The parade, consisting of eight bands and 15 floats, will begin at the Grand River Drive in and end at Farmington Rd.

Another highlight of the festival will be a grand fireworks display Friday starting at 9 p.m. at 12 Mile and Farmington Rd. Festival General Chairman Richard Tupper says: "It will be a real nice display. The fireworks will be bigger and grander than any seen in the metropolitan area other than Hudson's Fourth of July display."

The fireworks and parade are only two of many highlights of this year's festival, pointed out Tupper.

A THIRD HIGHLIGHT will be Saturday's

horse show sponsored by the Masonic Temple. Starting time is 10 a.m. at 12 Mile and Farmington Rds.

Festival Changes

Four-year Festival General Chairman Dick Tupper announces two important changes in the calendar of events for the festival which begins tomorrow.

The helicopter rides will be held at O. E. Dunkel Junior High, on 12 Mile between Orchard Lake and Farmington Rds. The Omega Singers, originally scheduled to present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, have been moved up to 6 p.m. The concert will be held on the Showboat in the Downtown Farmington Center.

ton Rds. Events include a precision drill and trail class by the Farmington Township Auxiliary Mounted Police.

Another attraction, says Tupper, is the

Miss Founders Festival final judging starting at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the Elks Lodge on Orchard Lake Rd.

Mrs. Shirley Richardson, queen chairman, said this year's 23 contestants is the largest turnout of queen competitors in festival history.

Last night, Tuesday, 10 of the 23 girls were selected as semi-finalists for tomorrow's judging. Serving as emcee for the final judging will be Tom Jones, WQTE disc jockey.

After the queen and her court are selected, the Queen's Caravan will proceed to the downtown center led by the colorful Edison Calliope. The crowning will be held on the stage at the downtown center at 7 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS Thursday night at the downtown center will be concerts on the Showboat—one by the Farmington City Band directed by Paul Barber and another by the Omega Singers.

Thursday will end with an FATAF Dance from 9 p.m. until midnight at Farmington Junior High School.

Lichtman Backs Single City Plan

Last week the Village of Woodstock Farms became the first governmental unit in the Farmington area to officially endorse a "yes" vote on the

consolidation question Nov. 4. This week, Township Trustee Fred Lichtman becomes the first governmental official to officially urge the same action.

Troop 389 Opens Jamboree

The Boy Scout National Jamboree at Farnham State Park officially opened to the musical accompaniment of Farmington Troop 389's marching band the morning of July 16.

Members of the 35-piece band and their adult leaders arrived at the park at 2 p.m. July 15 and had a busy time finding their campsites among the 920 campsites assigned to the more than 40,000 persons attending the jamboree.

The boys took great care in setting up camp because they will live in their tent homes for the duration of the jamboree. Before making themselves too much at home in their canvas ballfield, the lads were checked out medically. The evening was spent around a welcoming campfire.

Although the troop band is scheduled to play at other jamboree events, plenty of time has been left for the local scouts, who are sponsored by Vardis Park Methodist Church, to see and enjoy the sights of scouting's biggest event.

"For the past five years it has become increasingly evident that the people of our township require a modern city government. The 1965 and 1967 citizens' committee reports cited the many valid reasons for the incorporation of Farmington Township," explained Lichtman.

"The MSU team told us what we should have known from our prior investigation," Lichtman stressed, "that the area is growing at a tremendous rate; that the City of Farmington is boxed in; that the villages cannot go it alone, and that the Township of Farmington must plan its future along modern city lines to maintain its vital and viable position as an outstanding community."

AS A SPOKESMAN for the 1967 Citizens Committee for Community Development, Lichtman vigorously supported local self-determination and city status for the township.

"I was convinced that continued controlled growth and development could only be achieved under a modern city

charter which guaranteed the township's territorial integrity and resulted in a balanced economic base.

"There have been no significant changes in the past two years to alter that conviction. The 40,000 residents of Farmington Township deserve something better than the restricted and antiquated type of government which now exists.

"The studies of governmental forms for our area have been thorough and exhaustive. Those who are interested in the future of our community have long since privately and publicly debated the pros and cons. Those who are not interested will care little about continued studies, research or debate whether honestly undertaken or used to delay and divide.

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AT THE PRESENT time representatives of the four governmental units are meeting at a study committee to review the many aspects of consolidation.



Fred Lichtman

Lichtman, a member of the Joint Study Committee, says: "These meetings should be concerned with settling the differences which exist. As members of our respective governing bodies, we know the specific areas of conflict and should be capable of resolving them."

"I intend to continue as a member of the committee representing the township. However, I will make every effort to convince the other representatives that the benefits of consolidation to the majority of residents in the Farmington area are paramount to any real or imagined programs or narrow parochial considerations. "I am confident that if consolidation is affirmatively acted upon we can develop and adopt a workable charter for a new city," Lichtman concluded.

"The citizens of this community deserve a fair opportunity to vote upon a charter. It is, in my judgment, to the best interest of all residents to vote 'yes' for consolidation."

Open Center During Festival

Farmington Founders Festival visitors may attend open house at the new Farmington Community Center between 2 and 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and on Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m.

A shuttle bus has been provided by St. Alexander's parish to travel between the center and the Farmington Masonic Temple grounds at Farmington Rd. and Grand River. Use of the bus makes it unnecessary to drive to the center which is not yet equipped with adequate parking facilities.

Hostesses on the scene will be dressed in colonial costumes loaned by the Farmington Players. Some of these are treasured heirlooms which have been donated to the group by local families. They add a significant note of Farmington's heritage to the festival celebration.

Teenagers under the direction of Mrs. Claire Orlans will act as guides. They will be assisted by Senior Girl Scout Troop 804.

Lemonade and popcorn will be

Quakertown Paving Approved

At the estimated cost of \$700 per lot, 85 homeowners in Quakertown will have new streets next month.

That is -- as long as Quakertown can find a buyer for its \$54,000 special assessment street bond which is now on sale.

Frank Kelley, state attorney general, approved sale of the bond last week and issued the following statement:

"These bonds are payable primarily from a like amount of special assessments due in 10 annual installments, with the full faith and credit of the village pledged to meet principal and interest should the installments be slow in coming in."

When the bond is sold, work will start on four streets -- Quaker Valley Road, Braberry Ridge, Hunters Row and Quaker Valley Lane.



HANDY PERCH -- The lawn of the First Methodist Church slopes down to Grand River Rd. as such, makes an excellent viewing spot for Saturday's parade.