



City Beautification Float Depicts Before And After



Grand Marshal Sid Abel Waves...



As Does Rep. Jack McDonald...



And Senator George Kuhn.

Together In Farmington

Festival's Just Like Moon Shot

By the Staff

While the nation had its eyes on the moon, Farmington was enjoying its annual shot -- the Farmington Founders Festival. The moon shot made the headlines with President Nixon telling the nation that THE ACCOMPLISHMENT will draw humanity together, at least for a brief moment. An international family born from the moon shot... brotherhood... togetherness... that was the keynote set by the President during the race to the moon.

AND THAT'S what the Farmington Founders Festival was all about. Not an international picnic, to be sure, but a picnic for Farmington folks.

Togetherness and brotherhood was the keynote of the annual festival in Farmington. Where Yesterday Meets Tomorrow.

There's something about breaking bread that makes men brothers. For instance, the Demolay dinner Thursday night in Masonic Temple.

People meeting people across the dinner table to enjoy baked ham, green beans and homemade bread just like grandma's.

Or Friday night at the Threshers' Dinner served by the Farmington OES ladies. Country fried chicken, homemade biscuits with honey, homemade applesauce, green beans in mushroom sauce, lemon meringue pie and iced tea. That kind of food makes you love everybody.

OVER IN the downtown shopping center people invoked the spirit of long-gone frontier days when whole cows used to be roasted for a jamboree.

The Elks Club spilled an ox which sizzled tantalizingly over an open fire. No one noticed that the ground was cement instead of grass, or that the music came from transistors instead of foot-stomping fiddlers.

Around the corner, people showed even less consideration for 20th century technology as they literally smashed cars to pieces with a sledge hammer.

At two swings for a quarter, young muscled men wailed off with bashed-in trunk lids as reminders that man can still dominate machines--or at least destroy them.

Possibly the most memorable recollection of "the good ol' days" wasn't quite so symbolic though--it was strawberry shortcake with fresh strawberries at the most crowded concession stand.

And nothing can spark togetherness like sidewalk sales...a place to rub elbows, bump into neighbors and friends, and

accept humility when the sales available exceeds your pocketbook.

AND THE participant soaks in a feeling of brotherhood while standing under the stars for an evening concert performed by the Omega Singers, Farmington Civic Band or Franklin Village Band... sounds out of the past, a bit of musical heritage on

parade.

And the mood of belonging can always be felt at a beauty contest. "That's my kid," or "The cute one in the pink dress babysits for my children." The clean-cut teen whom everyone identifies with... who belongs to the community... that's the magic of a beauty contest. A parade promotes togetherness too. Masses of people

bunched together on a sidewalk to view a single event. More elbow rubbing, bumping, small talk. A family reunion on Grand River. The fireworks at 12 Mile and Farmington Rds. drew about 30,000 people to see an excellent display before the heavens opened and the rains cut short the festivities.

But the rain did not prevent

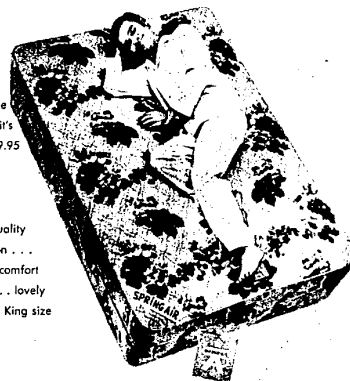
Farmington's salute to the moonmen. A ground display was lit showing the moon and the Apollo spacecraft rising from earth upwards. The display stirred the crowd which cheered, whistled and bonked car horns. Farmington saluted THE ACCOMPLISHMENT at its annual picnic.

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