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PHOTOGRAPHIC memories of last year's contest show Debbie Amori on the night she became Miss Farmington Founders Festival. Kathy Hahn (left) and Kathy Robinette (right) made up the court. (Evert photo)

# Give Queen More To Do, Debbie Urges

Nineteen-year-old Debbie Amori has enjoyed every minute of her year as Miss Farmington Founders Festival.

The well-poised, bright-eyed beauty became Miss Farmington in ceremonies last July. Her only regret—that the Chamber of Commerce and the Farmington Community didn't invite her to more events.

The outgoing young lady, a 1971 graduate of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic school, says she hopes future queens are more involved in the festival.

"The pageant was exciting, but I don't think the festival has made the best possible use of the queen," Debbie noted.

She said that quite often she would like to have been involved in community events and store openings but was not invited.

"I think it should be better next year because we have talked it over quite a bit. We have also discussed using the runnerups during the year," Debbie said.

Debbie, who works as a receptionist for a Farmington doctor, said the festival pageant was a great deal of fun.

"I think it is worthwhile for a young girl to enter the contest, even if they don't win. You meet so many nice people, and you have the experience of being in the pageant."

Debbie did not go on to the Miss Michigan contest since the Oakland County contest was called off due to a lack of funds. She had to be in that contest before qualifying for the state contest.

Her duties as queen have been exciting, and have helped her in her planned career—modeling. She is a student at the Patricia Stevens School of Modeling. Before that opportunity came along she had attended Eastern Michigan University.

During her year as queen she helped dedicate the Metropolitan National Bank of Farmington, and has worked with the festival on publicity.

This past 12 months she has also done commentary for a pop concert, helped present awards at an Exchange Club dinner, and spoke to a class at Sorrows on police and fire as a career.

She also was featured in the Farmington Memorial Day parade and was a guest at the dinner afterwards.

She was set to appear yesterday (Tues-

day, July 24) at the queen's pageant preliminaries and will have a key role in tomorrow night's drama at the Downtown Center.

There, she will crown the new Miss Farmington Founders Festival, at about 7:30 p.m.

The future seems to hold more modeling jobs for her. She has already worked for Federal's on publicity, and has been asked to enter the 1973 Snowmobile pageant that will be held this winter at Cobo Hall.

Her only regrets are that she didn't get to do more as Miss Farmington, and that her reign is over.

"I've enjoyed it very much, and I recommend it to anyone who is interested. I think it is a very good prerequisite for modeling," Debbie noted.

Debbie was the eighth queen of the festival which began nine summers ago in 1965.



Miss Debbie Amori  
Founders Festival  
DEBBIE's duties included participation in the Memorial Day Parade. (Evert photo)

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