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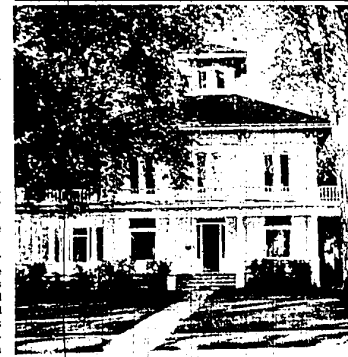
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Planners Approve Historical Search

Preserving the City of Farmington's historical buildings and sites will now have the official encouragement of the City Planning Commission.

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INCLUDED MAY BE many of the beautiful old homes along Grand River Ave. and Shawness.

"The planning commission agreed to take a preliminary survey within the community to find locations that would qualify as historical sites," City Manager John Danan explained.

Danan emphasized that the City would not be involved financially, at least not as the program is conceived now. "It would be a purely voluntary matter," he said. "We would encourage property owners to keep up their property to preserve its historical value. We might even offer awards of some sort."

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FOUNDERS FESTIVAL Plans Are Complete

The entire community of Farmington will unwind July 27, 28 and 29 as the third annual Founders Festival gets underway.

People who haven't seen each other all year will have a chance to meet and talk over all sorts of food, and attend several entertainment attractions.

Sponsored by the Farmington Board of Commerce, the three-day wing-ding gets underway July 27 at 5 p.m., with the final judging for the Miss Founders Festival Queen.

AFTER A MOTORCADE from East Junior High School to the Village Green at Grand River and Farmington, the queen will be crowned at 7:30 p.m. Following the crowning, the queen will be feted by a band concert at the Green, starting about 9 p.m.

At the same time the Elks' Ox roast will be in full swing. Later that night the FATAC teen dance will begin, with Dick Purkin, WKMR disc-jockey, featured as master of ceremonies.

The dance begins at 9 p.m. At the footloose and fancy free, there's a community dance with one band for the young and one for the not so young. Things will get rolling about 9 p.m. at Demery's parking lot, 12 Mile Rd.

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Concurrent with the 8 p.m. band concert will be the White Shrine No. 44 Dinner, Job's Daughters dinner and refreshment concession.

JULY 28 WILL BE as busy as the day before. For the hungry there's a country style three-hour dinner, running from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. That's at the Masonic Lodge and is sponsored by the Farmington Chapter 235, Order of Eastern Star.

Also planned for the same day is an art show, sponsored by the Farmington Artist Club, on City Hall grounds.

And if you've got an appetite, the Jay Cee chicken barbecue will be open, beginning at 4 p.m. Things to just plain watch include the Masonic Temple Benefit Horse Show at 11 Mile Rd. and Farmington, a minor league all star game, (8 p.m.), a major league all star game (7 p.m.) and a girls' softball game (8:30 p.m.).

An old fashioned square dance is planned to cap the evening and is set to start at 9 p.m. at Downtown Farmington Center.

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Filing Deadline For Charter Unit Aug. 15

Nominating petitions for charter commission in Farmington Township are available at Township Clerk Floyd Cairns' office.

Deadline for filing the petitions is Aug. 15 at the Oakland County Clerk's office in Pontiac.

A spokesman at the office said that they weren't certain about the final time for filing as the law reads 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. "That might mean 5 p.m. on daylight saving time," she said, "and we will have to check with Lansing."

Cairns said that "one of two petitions" had been picked up, but that he didn't know who had taken them out.

IN ORDER TO be placed on the ballot 20 signatures of qualified electors residing in the portions of the Township filing for incorporation must be collected.

A nine-man charter commission will be elected at the Oct. 23 election on the incorporation question.

Two separate proposals will be on the Oct. 23 ballot.

Committees Appointed

Farmington Board of Education President Herbert R. Neal has made committee appointments for the 1967-68 school year.

Named to the building committee are Richard H. Peters, chairman, George W. Otis and George A. Nahstoll, Jr. Curriculum matters will be handled by John W. Washburn III, chairman, and G. Sanford Bloomberg.

On the safety committee are Otis, chairman, Leland G. Clifford and Bloomberg. Sites committee members are Clifford, chairman, Neal and Washburn.

Neal is an ex-officio member of each of the committees.

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Cave-In Injures Worker

A 20-year-old construction worker was buried under an avalanche of dirt Thursday while working on a sewer installation project at the Rolling Oaks development in the north-eastern portion of the township.

Taken to Botsford General Hospital was Lester Schwiderson, 30, of Howell. Schwiderson was then transferred to University Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Police said that Schwiderson was at the bottom of a hole when the sides began to collapse and that he was buried up to his neck when the dirt stopped falling.

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