

# Parade To Be Biggest Ever

The third annual Founders Festival parade Saturday, July 29, will be the biggest ever.

More than 50 units have already been scheduled in the line-up, including nine bands and at least 10 floats, parade co-chairman C.A. Spencer revealed.

ANTIQUE cars from the Farmington Antique Car Club and several clowns will also take part in the parade.

Heading the list of dignitaries will be U.S. Senator Philip A. Hart (D) and 19th District Congressman Jack McDonald (R). They will speak just west of the Downtown Farmington Center after the parade disperses.

This year the committee rounded up nine bands, in contrast to one which took part last year. Neither of the Farm-

ington public high school bands will be there, however.

Spencer explained that the Farmington bands have "put away their uniforms for the summer."

One precision marching group, the Eagle Fireland Cadets, will be here from Norwalk, Ohio.

The other bands are: Roseville High School; St. Andrew's Hall, of Uica; Redford Highlanders; Rochester Highlanders; Praesidium Drum and Eagle Corps, of Detroit; Royal Lancers, of Wyandotte; and the Maybelle Vanettes, of Port Huron.

"I'M SURE that this year's parade is going to be the best we've ever staged," Spencer said, "and I've been co-chairman the other two years, so

I can say that." Co-chairman with Spencer this year is Bud Reaume.

"I think there's a greater interest now, especially among people outside of Farmington. In a year or two, we may have to turn away groups that want to participate."

Spencer added that he thought the police of both the city and township deserved special credit for their handling of previous parades. "Compared to the situation in most communities, the police here really do a great job."

CITY POLICE Chief Robert F. Deasmas said that judging from last year, he was expecting at least 15,000 to turn out for the parade. In addition to township and city police, the Farmington auxiliary unit will aid in crowd and traffic control, he explained.

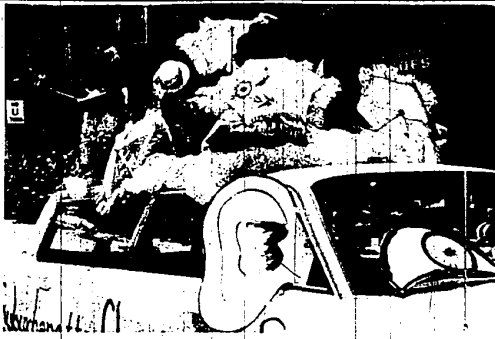
Floats, bands, clowns and dignitaries will gather at Grand River Drive-In Theater for formation of the parade at 10 a.m.

The route will lead west on Grand River to Farmington Road, then south to Grove, where the units will disperse at the National Bank building.

Spencer estimates that it will take about an hour and a half for the parade to cover the 1 3/4 mile route.

## Comic Book Stage

A child may go through a comic book stage, but he moves on to more pleasing reading when he will find material that is realistic in relation to everyday situations, explains Mrs. Margaret Durall, Penn State Extension specialist in child development and family life.



A PRETTY PICTURE for spectators along the Festival parade route last year was the float carrying the Sweet Adelines, who serenaded the townspeople as they rode by.

## Mills Featured In 1800's

Among the necessities of life for any pioneer village were a main street for business, a stream-and gristmills and sawmills.

Farmington was no exception in its early days. Arthur Power, the first 1824 settler, began building a sawmill after completing his house on the north side of the local creek that flows into the Rouge River.

By 1826 the mill was in operation, but Seely's History of Oakland County reports "it never amounted to much on account of an insufficient water power."

P. DEAN WARNER, another early settler, was quoted as saying that the Power sawmill was nevertheless "a great public convenience" to Farmington people.

Customers would unload their logs at the top of a hill and let them roll down to the mill. One day, Warner said, a giant log rolled right through the mill, carrying the saw with it, "to the great delight of all who witnessed the feat"—except Arthur Power.

Farmers had to take their grain all the way to Birmingham to a gristmill until 1877, when Edward and Harman Steel built their gristmill in the southwest quarter of Sec. 17, about two miles northwest of Farmington. It was later known as the Hardenburg mill. Another sawmill was built a few rods south of the center of the village in 1833 by Samuel Mansfield. At the same dam, Samuel Power later built a gristmill.

ARTHUR POWERS' first sawmill site later became a gristmill, but it, too, was apparently less than successful. A dissatisfied customer, according to the county history, told Power the grist did not turn out as well as it should have, and that he had not received his flour. "If they had thy due, Seacon," old Arthur Power shot back, "it would kill thee."

BEAT THE TOYS Encourage your young child to act out his hostilities and jealousy on toys or dolls, not on other children, advise family life specialists at MSU. Also, help him talk out his feelings. In addition, give him all the time and affection he needs—and you can possibly spare.

## Festival Concessions Set For All Shopping Centers

Dunk the Jayces and dunk the North Farmington coach are just two of the activities planned among the concessions at the Founders Festival.

The majority of the concessions will be set up in the Farmington Center and other centers will also have booths.

The Business and Professional Women will have games of skill available on the south side of Book Corner.

Demolish Mothers, with bazaar items, and the Shrine with ice cones and popcorn, will be set up in front of the AAA building.

East of Associates Loan, the Veterans of Foreign Wars will have homemade baked goods and a card game.

HUNGRY Festival-goers will be interested in the Elks ox roast, in Downtown Center, and the Jayces fried chicken concession near Metropolitan Bank. The Jayces are also offering a dunk-the-Jayces booth there.

Their wives, the Jaycettes, are manning an extensive health center behind Himmelspach's.

The Sceptomists will have tickets to the Town Hall series and also punching balloons near Belcrest Photo.

Pressed flower pictures will be offered by the Botsford Garden Club in front of Dr. Leib's office.

Farmington Amateur Hockey Association will have a booth on the porch of White House Vale.

THE LIONS CLUB will sell small stuffed items behind Dairy Maid.

The Democratic Club will have a booth at Grimes Cleaners and the Republican Party will be selling Republican jewelry near Associates Loan.

Suburban Concert Ballet plans to sell hair bows and similar articles in front of Dr. Teitel's office.

Plymouth State Home and Training school will have a booth of miscellaneous items, manned by Mrs. Faye Sills, between the Drug Store and A & P.

At Demery's Center, North

Farmington High's Varsity Club will sell popcorn, peanuts, lemonade and man a coach-dunking event.

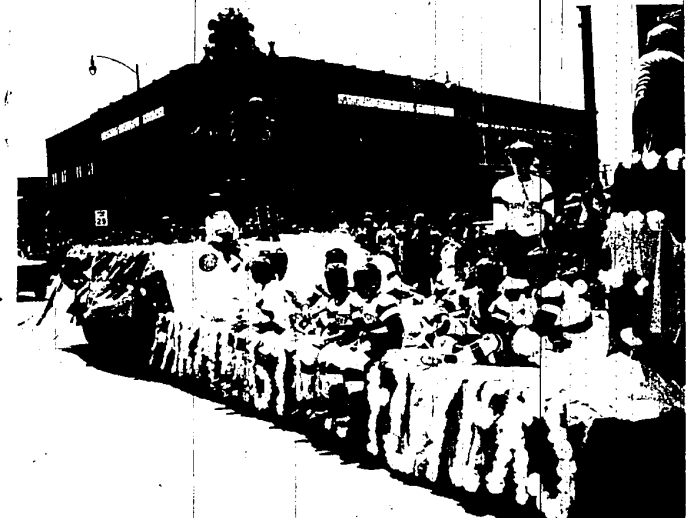
The American Legion will set up a hot dog wagon at the Demery's center.

A Historical Society display will be set up on the corner of the Masonic Temple grounds.

Man At Expo An artistic highlight of EXPO 67, the 1967 World Exhibition in Montreal, is a dramatic nickel stainless steel sculpture by Alexander Calder. Standing 87 feet high, 94 feet long, and weighing 46 tons, the stabile is called "Man."


Driver Training Most insurance companies, the Insurance Information Institute reports, grant discounts on automobile liability and collision insurance for young drivers, who have successfully completed recognized driver education courses in schools.

PONPEI'S RUINS Excavation of Pompeii, the city that disappeared under the ashes of Mt. Vesuvius in A.D. 79, has been in progress longer than that of any city in the world.




JUST ABOUT EVERY organization appears in the Founders Festival parades. This float was entered in the 1966 parade by the Farmington Flyers hockey team. This year's parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 29. The parade will travel west on Grand River from the drive-in theatre to Farmington Rd. beginning at 10 a.m.

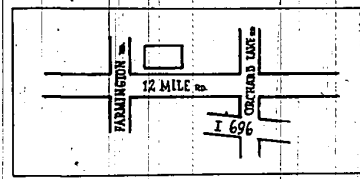
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Thanks Farmington! you've made us feel very welcome during our first year.





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