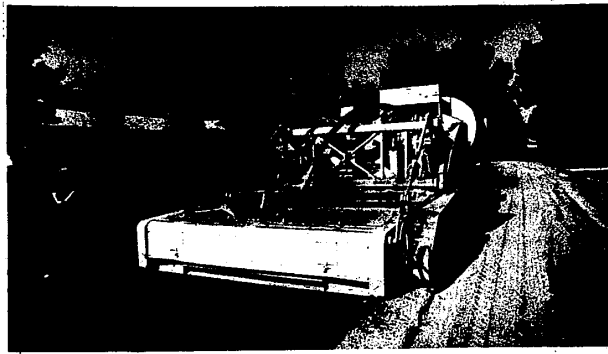


# New paving plan

## Big machines barrel down on subdivision roads



By Mary Rodrigue  
staff writer

A 37-ton mustard yellow machine slides up the road, pummeling the earth below and spewing water.

Like some kind of man-made wild animal, it leaves its tracks in a cloud of dust.

The process now underway in the Old Homestead Subdivision of Farmington Hills is called stabilization.

The machinery sucks existing gravel from the road, mixes it with dry cement and sprinkles it with water to create a low-strength concrete. Later a two-inch asphalt driving surface will be added.

The whole process costs half as much as the conventional method of road paving, said Tom Biasell, city engineer.

While the more traditional way entails excavating the road, then filling in new concrete at an average cost of \$32 a foot, stabilization uses aggregate material already in the ground, adding just water and dry cement to get concrete at \$18 a foot.

The roads in Old Homestead are the first in the city to undergo stabilization. Officials hope the Homestead project will be the first of many on the city's 90 miles of unpaved roads.

"This year we're doing nine miles of unpaved roads," Councilman Joe Alkateeb said at the job site on Thursday. He was there with other city officials to see the process in action.

"ALL WE DID since 1973 was six miles of local roads," he said. "This year we're doing one-tenth of the entire mileage at half the cost. We're going to try hard to get other gravel roads paved."

The process is faster and less disruptive to neighborhoods than conventional paving. Motorists drove down the winding road while the big truck belched and grumbled on Lyman west of Drake.

"It can be driven over so people are less inconvenienced," Biasell said. "And it's faster. They can do a mile (of road) a day."

City officials were sold on the idea after touring Genesee County, where widespread road stabilization has been used for 20 years.

"It will hold up as well as regular paving," Biasell said.

The work on three miles of roads in Old Homestead will be completed this week.

"We hope to get 15 years on these roads," Biasell said.

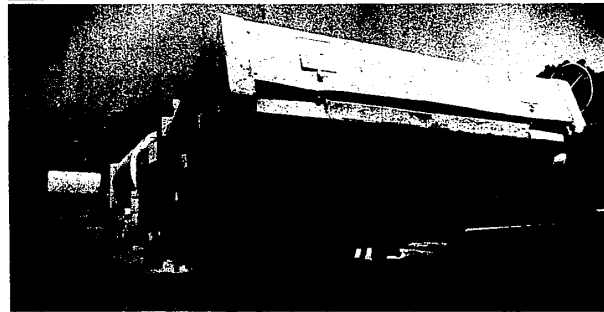
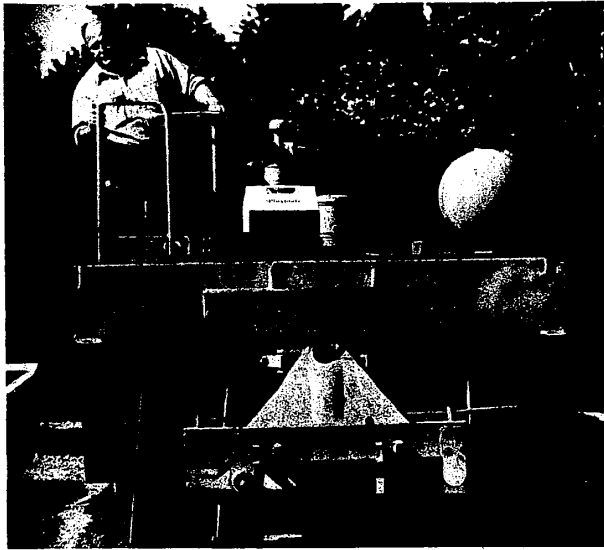
The project is being completed by Wadel Stabilization Company of Hart, Mich.

"I've done thousands of miles (of roads) in this system," said Jerry Wadel, contractor, who has been in business since 1952.

"With financial pressure on municipalities, (stabilization) is becoming more popular."

RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Road stabilization is a noisy, dusty, but fast and economical approach to road paving, as shown here in the Old Homestead Subdivision of Farmington Hills. Above, the 37-ton grader packs and smooths a new track of road. At right above, a crew member of Wadel Stabilization drives the rig that packs the earth. At right, the stabilization machine rears its head to expose some of the gears. This machine gouges the earth, drops dry cement and sprays water.



### INSIDE ANGLES

BY MARY RODRIQUE

**DOUG GAYNOR**, director of Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department, is getting in shape for Thursday when he plans to run from Lansing to Detroit — a 100-mile overnight jog from the steps of the state capitol to the state fairgrounds on Woodward and 8 Mile. Gaynor will be in the company of 30 men and women runners from the Michigan Recreation and Park Association, which is trying to increase public awareness of the state association and parks departments across Michigan. When they arrive at their final destination, they'll cut ceremonial ribbons and officially open the 1981 State Fair. The runners are expected to jog through Farmington (on Grand River) sometime Thursday.

**ELEVEN YOUNG BEAUTIES** entertained residents at Farmington Hills Inn, a home for senior adults, last week. All the girls were either state or national winners in North American Productions competitions. Arrangements were made by Ginny Morris, mother of Karen Morris, the Farmington Hills youngster who won the title of Little Miss Michigan last year. This year the young miss who holds the title of National Junior Teen Talent and the Bristol Dancers, who have held the National Grand Championships in dance for two years running, are all from Michigan. All of them are making the rounds between competitions entertaining residents of convalescent centers and nursing homes.

**ANTIQUES IN ABUNDANCE** can be viewed at the Botsford Inn over Labor Day weekend. The antique show will be Sunday and Monday, Sept. 6 and 7. Show hours will be noon to 9 p.m. Sunday and noon to 7 p.m. Monday. Admission is free. Several entire collections will be offered at the show. Gloria Siegart of Livonia will have several pieces of carpenters' lace, an early cherry dressing table and several old wooden hand mirrors. Geri Sharp of Livonia will feature a Victorian hat pin collection, including pins of amber, sterling and crystal. Ruth Ewald of Redford has her entire collection of soda fountain items for sale, including dispensers and tins. Those interested in primitive pieces and Amish goods including tools, boxes, furniture and decorative items should check out Marge Kullfay's booth. Booths of silver, furniture, china, tools, wall pieces and jewelry will complete the show. Botsford Inn is at Grand River and 8 Mile.

**RUBYJEAN GOULD** of Farmington Hills has been named by Governor Milliken to succeed

Susan Anderson of East Lansing (who resigned) for the remainder of a three-year term on the state-wide health coordinating council. The term expires March 25, 1983. Gould is executive assistant for the bureau of planning, evaluation and policy in the Department of Mental Health, and will serve as a member representing DMH.

**KUDOS TO ROBERT STOLER** of Farmington Hills who recently completed a 2½ year stint as student coordinator of the Ingham Medical Emergency Room volunteer program affiliated with Michigan State University. Stoler, a recent MSU grad, recruited and replaced 42 student volunteers per term, handled training and scheduling and acted as liaison between the MSU service learning center and Ingham Medical Center. At MSU, Stoler contributed to breast cancer research conducted by Evelyn Rivera, an MSU zoology professor; aided both blind and deaf students with their studies; participated in an MSU handicapper orientation program and served as personal attendant for a quadriplegic student. Stoler is the son of Dr. and Mrs. William Stoler of 30875 N. Wendybrook Ct. He plans to attend the University of Michigan Medical School in September.

**MOUNTING A MASTODON**. Yep, that's actually the latest college course being offered at Oakland Community College. The class will meet on Thursdays for lab and lecture sessions at the Highland Lakes campus beginning Sept. 3. Students will have the opportunity to participate in the reconstruction of a mastodon, an elephant-sized prehistoric animal. Once completed, the skeleton would be the second of its kind in Michigan. The other is at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Students will study the anatomy, evolution and migratory routes of elephants. The skeletal remains of Elmer (named for the Elmer's glue initially used to hold his bones together) were discovered by Grease Bros., Inc., of Walled Lake. Jeheshei Shoshani, a graduate fellowship recipient at Wayne State University, will instruct the course. Shoshani, whose studies have led him to the Far East and Africa, has authored numerous publications on the elephant. If you can't make it this time around, the course will be offered again winter term.

**SCHOOL TRIVIA**: The repair, maintenance and cleaning of the 28 Farmington Public School buildings is done by a staff of 166 custodians, 29 maintenance workers and a supervisory staff of four.

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