

Business continues to grow in Farmington and Hills

(Continued from Page 1A) of the mall's investors. The mall, under the auspices of the Bertak Co. of Southfield, is a "multi-million dollar investment," according to Stiegel.

Another strip of shops which will feature a supermarket and service stores is scheduled for 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road.

AMONG THE ADDITIONS to existing businesses is Bob Saks' Toyota franchise next to his Oldsmobile dealership on Grand River near Drake. Saks also plans to build an office structure and car wash on the 17 acre site.

The Toyota building will encompass 26,000 square feet of space. The project will cost \$14 million and is scheduled to open in May.

The lower level of the Toyota building will house the accounting staffs from Saks' Oldsmobile and American Motors dealerships.

The Toyota franchise may create as many as 50 new jobs in the Saks organization according to Bob Saks.

"It's a whole new dealership. We'll be hiring people for positions in repairs, sales, sales managers and accounting.

Of the 26,000 square feet in the building, 6,500 of it will be devoted to the accounting section.

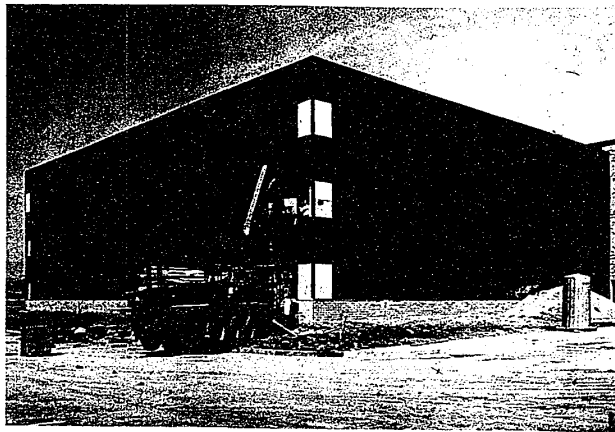
In addition to the Toyota dealership Saks is planning on adding a 20,000 square foot complex which would in-

clude a car wash and 5,000 square feet of office space.

Saks will rent the office space to other firms and operate the commercial auto wash which will use shampoos instead of brushes. That complex is scheduled to open in October.

THE \$2 million dollar office complex and car wash will fill up the 17 acres owned by Saks.

In addition Saks will construct a Michigan National Bank building which will replace the trailer bank next to the auto dealership on Grand River. The new bank with a drive-in window will be on Drake facing Mulwood Apartments, according to Saks. That building is scheduled for completion in mid-July.



A growing Farmington
Westhill Office Park, located on Farmington Road and 12 Mile, will house Texas Instrument and Manufacturers of Hanover Mortgage Corp. (Staff photo)

Visionaries plan for urban growth

(Continued from Page 1A) the area around Halstead without any connection of the cities' core.

THE LOOP would help combine the two cities and make more evident the need to consolidate some services, according to Champlin.

Downtown Farmington would become the major shopping area for the cities. Instead of becoming just another mall, it could become an integral part of the community.

"Suburban centers are highlands. They're dissociated from the city they are in. The centers don't give a damn about the city. The only give what people will buy," he said.

"Downtown stores are linked to the cities. The city's success is linked to them. This is in Farmington. You can't find this in a shopping center.

"But (to achieve this) government has to lead. It has to show a strong sense of direction."

To augment the main shopping cen-

ter, Champlin proposes series of neighborhood shops serving about 300 families. These would be primarily service shops such as party stores and dry cleaners.

Next would be a village level of shopping serving about 2,500 families. These would include supermarkets and larger service stores.

UNDER THIS concept, Farmington and Farmington Hills would be thrown together more than at present. Champlin advocates a federated economy

based upon joint action from both city councils.

Road service, sanitation, sewage and parks could be handled jointly. The cities would share the work and its revenues.

That would be preferable to one city becoming larger in order to add to its revenues. Enlarging either of the cities would damage their identities, Champlin warns.

Instead he sees a future based upon conservation and cooperation.

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