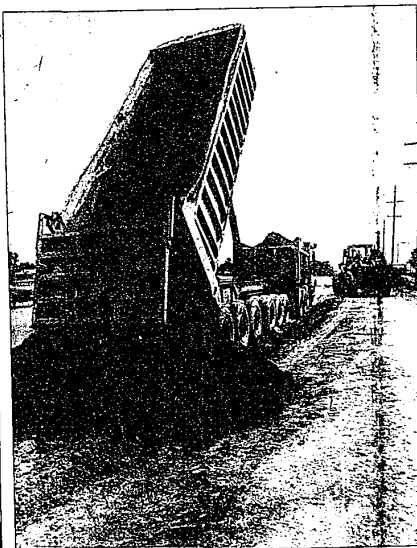




LEFT: Temporary roads will be constructed on Orchard Lake Road south of Maple in West Bloomfield so traffic may continue while the road is widened. ABOVE: A truck drops a load of dirt to prepare the temporary road. BELOW: It's the "sign" of the times on Orchard Lake Road where reconstruction to widen the road continues until December.

Relief

Age-old Orchard Lake roadway headache attacked

Travelling woes on congested Orchard Lake Road are only beginning, but the suffering should end in December.

That's when the north-south roadway could open to traffic with five new lanes between 12 Mile in Farmington Hills and Maple Road in West Bloomfield.

The Orchard Lake Road widening project is "ahead of schedule," according to Oakland County Road Commission spokesman Dennis Pajot.

Temporary roads for motorists driving the three-mile stretch are now completed — sooner than expected — between 12 and 13 Mile.

Concrete will be poured later this month, Pajot said, widening the road from two to five lanes.

Presently, the stretch between 13 Mile and Maple is being broken and temporary roads are being built.

"Instead of just waiting until all the bypass (temporary) roads are completed, we're breaking and pouring — so it should be quicker," Pajot said.

The contractor, Tony Angelo Cement Construction Co. of Southfield, suggested the breaking and pouring method, Pajot added. "We impressed the need for the project to get done as quickly as possible."

ORIGINALLY, TRAFFIC was supposed to continue on the existing two lanes until early August while all the temporary roads were built.

Traffic will be diverted to these temporary roads until early December. The five lanes for all three miles should be completed and open to traffic before stopping work for the winter.

"We have every reason to believe that it will be completed," Pajot said. "December is our target date so we can get the traffic on the main (five-lane) road."

"We don't want people riding on the bypass roads when the snow comes."

Federal funding for this three-mile stretch exists, but there are two other parts to Orchard Lake Road which are part of the overall widening project.

One two-lane stretch of road considered for widening is from Grand River north to 12 Mile through Farmington and Farmington Hills.

The other two-lane stretch is from Maple north to Will-O-Way in West Bloomfield.

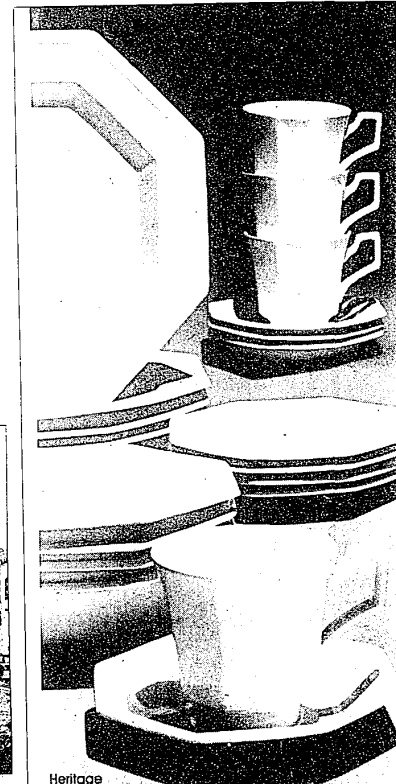
Pajot said widening these two stretches won't come this year, but he hopes federal funds are generated in the future.

"Both are going to be done — it's just a matter of time," Pajot said.

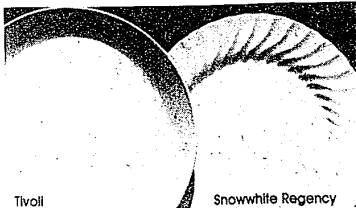
THE CURRENT three-mile reconstruction costs nearly \$8 million. Funds from the Federal Highway Administration cover 76 percent or slightly more than \$6 million of the project. Oakland County Road Commission's share is \$906,000 or 12 percent of the project.

Farmington Hills pays \$846,000 (8 percent) and West Bloomfield pays \$333,000 (4 percent) of the costs.

The entire project is scheduled to be completed by mid-July next year. Construction crews will return in the spring of 1981 and convert the temporary roads into bicycle paths and finish landscaping work.



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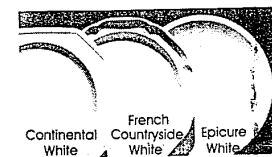
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25% off casual and fine china in 20-piece sets

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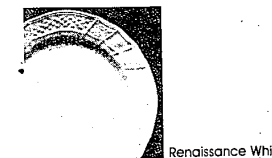
Heritage, reg. 62.50, sale 46.99; Tivoli and Snowwhite Regency, reg. 47.50, sale 34.99, 20% off 5-piece place settings and selected open stock accessories.



French
Continental Countryside Epicure
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Mikasa's casual dinnerware: Continental White, reg. \$82, sale \$59.99; French

Countryside White or Epicure White, reg. \$76, sale \$54.99, 20% off 5-piece place settings and selected open stock pieces.



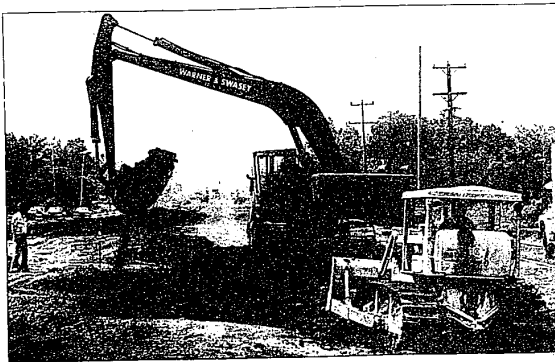
Renaissance White

Mikasa's semi-porcelain dinnerware:

service for four, reg. \$82, sale \$59.99, 20% off 5-piece completer set, reg. 60.35, sale 47.99; 5-piece place setting, reg. 20.50, sale 16.39, 20% off open stock accessories. Allow 2 weeks delivery on certain items. 2000 units* in Hudson's Casual and Fine China, all stores.

*Total units available at Metropolitan Detroit Hudson's stores while quantities last.

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ABOVE: A backhoe digs up dirt in preparation for pouring cement for five lanes between 12 and 13 Mile later this month. RIGHT: Traffic remains congested on Orchard Lake Road, as these cars travel southbound to 12 Mile on a temporary road while construction continues in Farmington Hills.

