

Detour: Farmington Rd. Project To Get Underway July 8

If your business or pleasure takes you to Farmington Road, between Five Mile and Schoolcraft, the going may not be easy for the next four months. Construction work, which includes widening and paving of that important mile in Livonia's center, is underway.

Beginning Monday, the mile will be closed to through traffic. Let Lieut. Robert E. Thorne, officer in charge of the Traffic Bureau for the Livonia police, tell you what to expect, now that removal of trees and sewer construction on the right-of-way has been going on for a week.

Says Lieut. Thorne: "ON JULY 8, 1968, excavation

and sub-base construction will start on the east side of Farmington, working north from Schoolcraft. They will work north to Five Mile, then south from Five Mile on the west side.

"Actual paving should be completed by September 15, although work will continue until November 1.

"Lyon will be open for cross-traffic until the paving work starts, probably some time after the first of August.

"The fire drive and the police vehicle drive will be open. Civic center drive, the school board drive, summer, etc., will be closed."

(The police headquarters building, water board building,

and parks and recreation office are in this mile. Other city offices on Farmington are below on Schoolcraft in the mile to be paved next year).

"THE DETOUR will be Schoolcraft, Middle Belt, Five Mile Roads, Merriman, north of Schoolcraft, will be closed for sewer construction until sometime next week. The Merriman widening between Plymouth and Schoolcraft will probably start about the middle of August."

"The project cost (Farmington mile) is \$523,260.25. "The section between Five Mile and Lyon will be boulevardized similar to the section north of Five Mile Road. The road will be a five-lane 60-foot-wide highway from Lyon to Schoolcraft."

The three-mile stretch of Farmington between Five and Eight Mile Roads was completed last fall by the Wayne County Road Commission, which pays 60 per cent of the cost, the city paying the remainder.

Robert A. Shaw, director of Public Works, said the mile of Farmington between Schoolcraft and Plymouth can not be completed for another 18 months, probably, because of the grade separation that must be built at the C. & O. Railroad crossing. The railroad

will pay a large part of that cost.

THE COMPLETION of Merriman between Plymouth and Schoolcraft this fall will provide a good detour route next summer, when Farmington is closed below Schoolcraft, Shaw said.

The city expects to press the Wayne County Road Commission to keep a promise, reported now delayed indefinitely, to widen and pave Five Mile road across town. It passes city hall, and is considered because of its age and its patchwork, to be "dangerous."

The city has funds for its share of the cost—including a mile of boulevard probably from Hubbard Road west. The commission contends that other communities complain that Livonia, younger and larger and growing faster than other Wayne County suburbs, has been getting more than its share of highway money, at their expense.

DUN HOVIN is co-owner by Richard Cummins and two brothers, Kenneth and Earl, all of Livonia.

Repairs Started At Golf Club

Maxine Brodsky
Sandra LaKritz

After the civil strife of 1967 and the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. and Senator Robert Kennedy this year, the issue most talked about now is imposing a new strict gun control law throughout the country. President Johnson believes that gun control would curtail acts of wanton violence.

Opposition to this law is coming from the N.R.A. (National Rifle Association), which feels that having registration of rifles and shotguns is infringing on the rights of hunters.

Gun control has been discussed for 30 years, and pressure has mounted to get it passed.

Here are some of the views of residents on the subject: PORTER BOUDINE, 26590 Plymouth Rd., Redford.

"I am in favor of a gun control law. I feel that when anybody buys a gun of any type, he should have to show a hunting license and registration, and prove that he knows how to use the weapon properly."

MRS. JERRY FLOYD, 11766 Haller, Livonia.

"I feel I should be able to get a gun when and where I want, and I want a gun! I feel I should have one to protect myself, and to feel safer."

R. KRINCH, Inkster.

"I feel they should just ban guns, period, and the hunters can use a bow and arrow."

"I can't see where gun control will solve the problem. Registration of guns cannot tell who fired the shots. If a person wants a gun he will get one, and only a good citizen will bother to register it anyway."

LILLIAN WOODWARD, 30050 MacArthur, Livonia.

"I am in favor of strict gun control laws. I don't think I will solve the problem we have with guns, but it will help, somewhat. It is important to start somewhere and it certainly couldn't hurt."

Man on the Street

City Seeks Aid For Handicapped

The Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking assistance this summer in conducting one of its programs for the mentally handicapped.

According to Mrs. Pat Nyboer, attendance is large and "needs a greater ratio of supervision."

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Talks Halted Until July 8

The Livonia Board of Education's negotiations with the Livonia Education Association over a new contract have been suspended until July 8.

Education association conventions in Texas, attended by Roger Stephon, LEA executive secretary, and the vacation of Dr. Norman Whistler, a board vice president and negotiator, were given as reasons.

A number of bargaining meetings have been held since April 1, in an effort to solve salary and other differences before school starts in September. Reports were that the two sides are far apart on money matters.

Newspaper State

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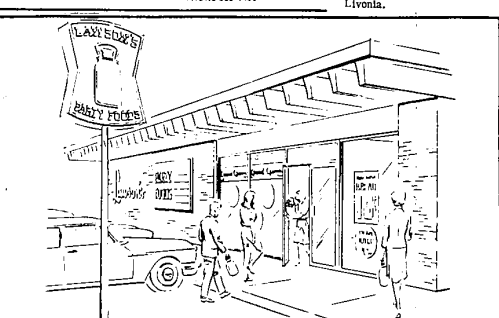
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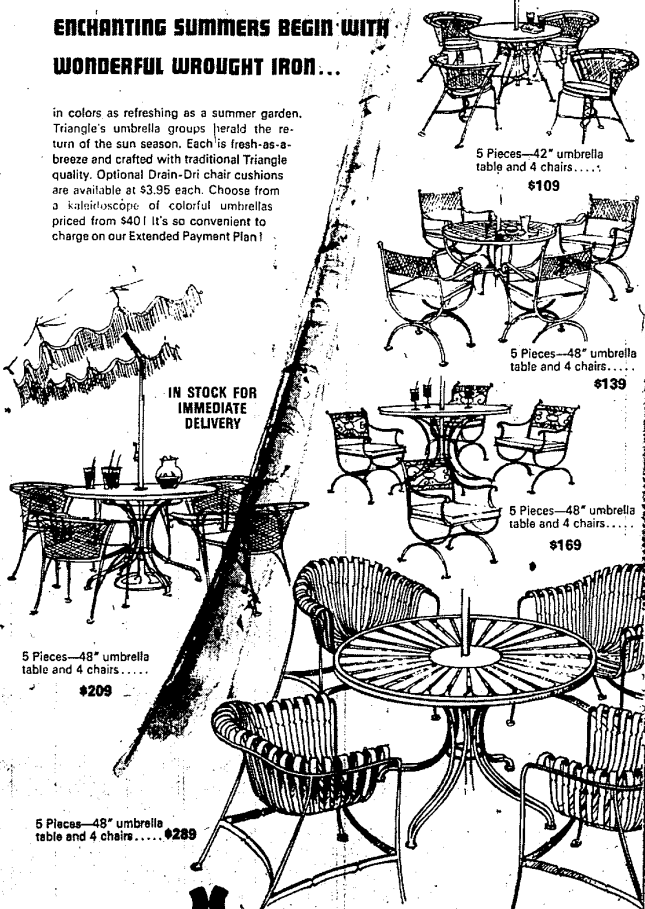
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