THEY SNIPPED THE RIBBON Friday to open Merriman Road, giving Livonia another north-south highway stretching from Eight Mile and beyond to Joy Road and Metropolitan Airport. Wielding the scissors (center) was Charlie Frank, who has lived for 35 years on Merriman Rd. At the ceremony were, from left: City Clerk Ad Bacon; Mayor Harvey Moelke; Marv Kemp (partly hidden), proprietor of American Hardware and Supply Co.; Frank; Road Commissioner William Kreger; radio newsman Vic Caputo; Terry Kemp of the hardware firm; and City Council president Rudy Kleinert.

Charlie Snips the Ribbon; Opens New Livonia Highway

Charlie Frank used to watch the cows wander home along the grassy path in front of his house.

And, 35 years ago, he used to help push free farmers' horse-drawn wagons which had become mired in the two-wheel rutted path outside his front door.

Last Friday, that era was only a distant memory. A broad, two-lane concrete highway was officially opened in front of his house, stretching for miles in both directions.

And Charlie cut the ribbon.

The occasion was the opening ceremony for Merriman Road between Six Mile and Eight Mile, which now gives Livonia motorists another north-south route through their city. Highway engineers finished cutting through the fields and wooded areas that had blocked the highway between Seven Mile and Eight Mile and had rammed through two lanes of concrete in recent months.

And they had paved the remaining gravel portion of Merriman from Seven Mile south to Schoolcraft.

The new street now gives Livonians direct access on paved roads to Metropolitan Airport to the south and to the lake areas of Oakland County, along Merriman and its extension, Orchard Lake Rd. north of Eight Mile, to the north.

It's quite a contrast, Charlie, who lives at 18450 Merriman, reports.

"Back in 1930, when I moved here, the road was a dirt track in part, gravel in other parts. It was so narrow," he said, "that there was no room to pass and we used to have to pull over on 'switches' to let a car from the opposite direction get through.

"This area was all farmland then. Now we have schools, new homes and some factories."

The conditions of the road hadn't improved much in recent years. It was not uncommon for parents and teachers driving to Bryant Junior High School, on Merriman between Six and Seven Mile, to become stuck.

In wintertime, icy conditions made access impossible at times. A couple of times, school buses couldn't make it down the street.

Today, the pavement and a new bridge over the Tarabusi Creek eliminates that danger and free access to the school is now possible.

On hand to celebrate with Charlie Friday at the ribbon cutting ceremonies were: City Council President Rudolf Kleinert; Mayor Harvey Moelke; Terry and Marv Kemp, owners of the American Hardware Store at the corner of Merriman and Eight Mile; William Kreger, Wayne County Road Commissioner; City Clerk Addison Bacon; Director of Public Works Robert Shaw; and other city and county officials.

A luncheon at Livonia Knights Inn followed the opening.

K. of C. Sets Yule Party

Children of members of Fr. Daniel A. Lord Council of the Knights of Columbus will be the Council's guests at a Christmas party Sunday, Dec. 19, from 2 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Santa Claus will be on hand with a present for each youngster, and entertainment will be featured. The Council's hall is the location. It is at 39050 Schoolcraft Rd.

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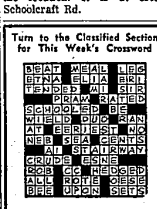

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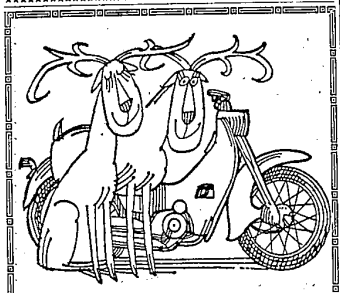

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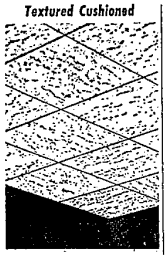

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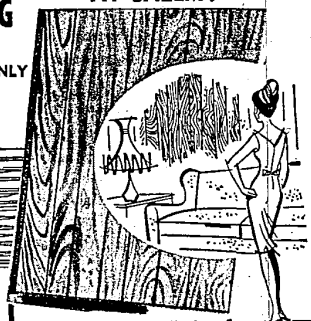

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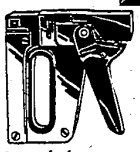

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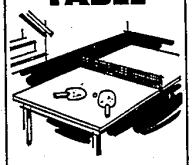

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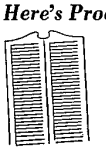

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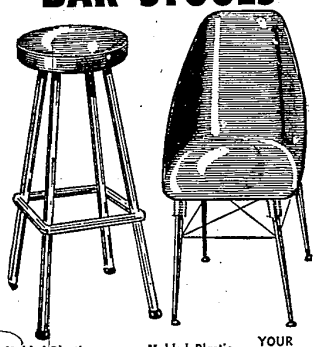

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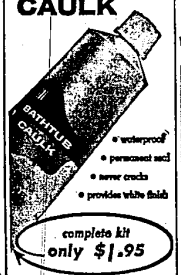

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