

By W.W. EDDGAR

FARMINGTON—The mere mention of the old flour mill that once stood at the corner of Farmington Road and State Street brings back a flood of fond memories to Mrs. Lenore Gilde-meister.

"Oh, that was a busy section in those days," she said one morning in her tidy little home at 33639 State Street after she finished her morning session of playing a prized organ that is a reminder of the days when she played in church.

She had good reason to recall those days for it was her husband, Leo, who

ran the mill until it was sold in 1957. She recalled that the city owned the building for a time, but that it soon phased out and became only a memo-ry.

One by one these mental pictures re-turned and she chuckled as she said that the DUR (Detroit United Railway) once ran through Farm-ington and that the station stop was on the corner opposite the mill.

"It used to run every hour, on the hour, to downtown Detroit," she said, "and, if you can imagine, the fare was only 25 cents. Now, we have one bus a day and the cost is much more than a quarter."

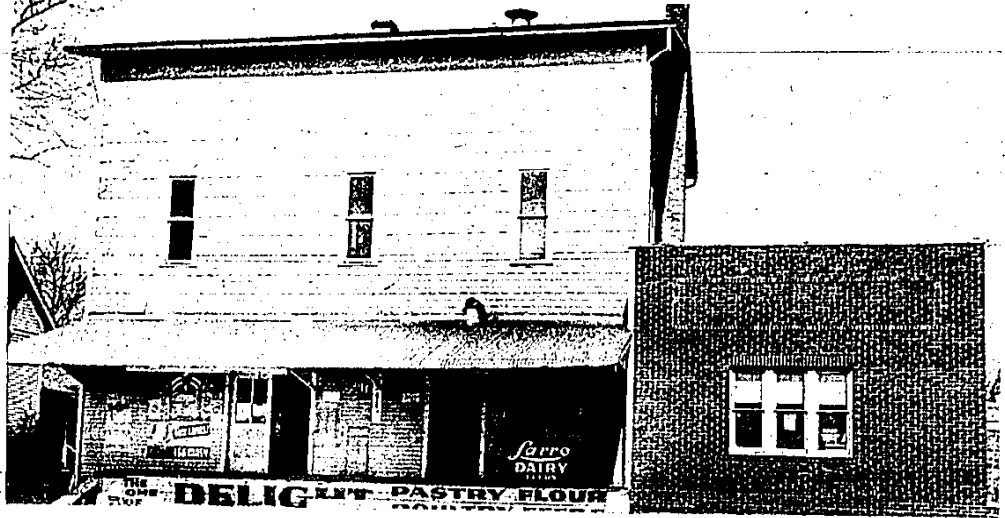
In review also came the sight of the old cheese factory that was owned by the Warner family and was a favorite place of the townspeople to purchase their delicacies.

"And I can't forget the day that Mr. Barber's bees got loose and what a wild time we had around here," she continued. "He raised bees for the honey, but this day, for one reason or another, they got away. And such excitement— you never saw anything like it."

Pointing up to the corner again, Mrs. Gildemeister let the years turn back and retold the story of the days when the area that is now the big

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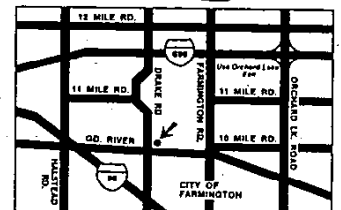
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