

Suburbia In The '70s: Tribalism In Metropolis

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 Garden City and Westland. The other, for some distant future time, would be a freeway in roughly the Middle Belt Road corridor from Pontiac to Detroit Metropolitan Airport; its purpose would be to parallel the crowded Telegraph Road, leaving it for more local traffic.

The effects of these roads will be like a two-edged sword. On one hand, they'll tie the outlying areas of metropolis better to Detroit. On the other hand, the outlying areas will be able to have more offices, industries, major shopping areas, cultural attractions.

Our city and township boundaries, already trivial, will become even less important. Yet new areas of interest will grow up to replace the town hall, the high school gym and the Main Street of American folklore.

land: Schoolcraft, covering the school districts of Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Northville and Clarenceville; and Oakland County's Orchard Ridge campus, located in Farmington but drawing a lot of commuters with Detroit ideas.

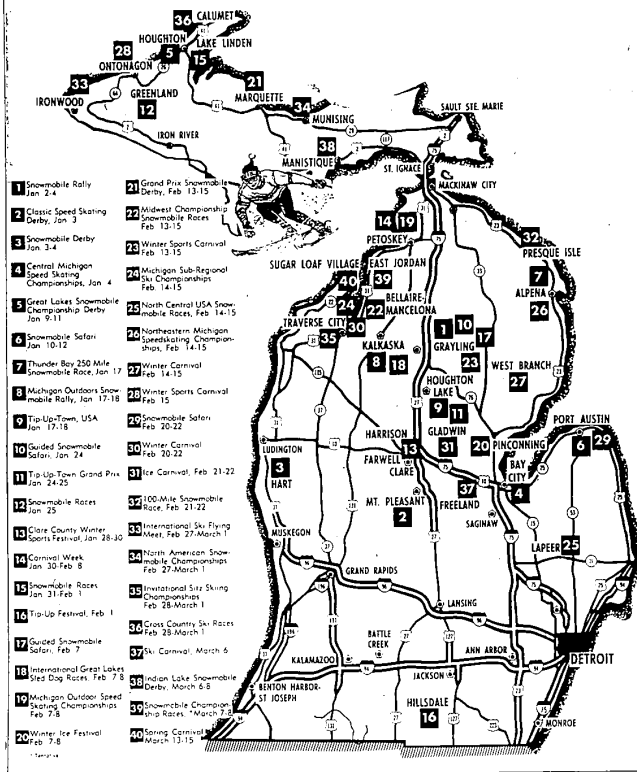
When founded in the 1960s, community colleges were designed to provide technical education and some liberal arts work for kids who either couldn't afford to go away to college, who couldn't get admitted to a four-year college, or who simply wanted to beat the draft.

Yet community colleges deserve a better reputation academically, now that universities are finding that students from the CCs are doing as well as they transfer as the kids who spent all four years in the university.

But the CCs' big impact in the 1970s will be not so much on the youngsters as on the adult community. Get this: We all now live in "college towns," and our towns will in time pick up some of the character of Ann Arbor, East Lansing or Kalamazoo.

Primarily, the CCs' influence on suburbia will be cultural. As the quality of television and the movies continues to deteriorate, the CCs' offerings will look more and more attractive. We're starting to see them now—plays, classic films, concerts, recitals, even lectures. Several construction projects should be looked for in the 1970s at the community colleges. The first one of high interest to adults will be completion of Schoolcraft's arts center cluster of buildings. The others will be campuses of the Wayne County CC in either Redford, Westland or both.

Community colleges will exert an influence on politics, good or bad depending on your point of view. Political activists from the colleges will tend to be highly if not wildly liberal. A political force has been unleashed on the CC campuses, and that precocious force will say: "Why should realtors, lawyers, merchants and union leaders make ALL the decisions?"



The Impact Of Apartments

APARTMENTS WILL become more common in suburbia. This type of dwelling, once associated with central cities and slums, has taken over first place from the detached, single-family unit with the big, weedy lawn, the mortgage, the repair bills and the whopping 6% realtor's fee for resale.

Apartments will have important social implications for the suburbs. Apartment dwellers are mobile persons during the week and insular in their entertainment. They are unlikely to vote on local issues and to mix politically with the tillers of the sod.

The apartment dweller commonly has more books than the TV-oriented homeowner, and the apartment dweller is a poorer reader of the local newspaper.

Apartment dwellers will contribute to the weakening of the sacrosanct local municipality because they consider trumpeting about "home rule" irrelevant to their needs.

Indeed, apartment dwellers may be indifferent to most of the prevailing values of suburbia. This may upset the owners of single-family houses who have established those values. But this is a free country.

Colleges And Culture

IN POPULAR EASTERN folklore, suburbia is a "cultural wasteland," snug, smug, and anti-intellectual, although many residents are well-educated.

This will change in the 1970s, and the catalyst will be the three community colleges serving Observerland—Wayne County CC covering Redford Township and part of West-

Auditors Meet Jan. 6

The monthly dinner meeting of the Detroit chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6, in the Harmonie Club, 267 E. Grand River, Detroit. A seminar meeting which starts at 5:15 p.m. will also be included in the program.

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Special Winter Events Slated Throughout State

Snowmobile races or safaris? Speed skating? Dog sled races? Skiing championships? All-around winter carnivals or festivals? What's your preference for wintertime activity, either as a spectator or participant?
 Whatever it may be, chances are you'll find it among more than 40 top events scheduled by Michigan communities through next March, according to Jerry E.

Fisher, Auto Club touring manager.
 SKATING, snowmobile events, dog sled races, ski jumping contests, ice fishing, carnivals, a variety of shows, even a sports car ice run-all are included on the state's winter events calendar.
 Snowmobile gatherings, either for races or safaris, top the list with at least 16. There's at least one scheduled each week throughout the winter. A dozen or more all-around winter carnivals also are on tap. Fisher said.

Among the top three Michigan Snowmobile Association sanctioned races is the Thunder Bay 250-mile race, scheduled at the Alpena County Fairgrounds Race Track on Jan. 17. Officials expect 250 machines to qualify for the event before the qualifying cut-off time at 4 p.m. Jan. 13.

The top 35 qualifying speeds will be eligible to compete in the 250-mile, 500-lap race for \$4,500 in cash prizes, plus additional merchandise awards. The top 15 finishers will share the purse, with \$1,100 in cash going to first place. The Thunder Bay event is limited to 15-inch and wider tracks and under 100cc engine ratings to insure widest possible competition.

The 20th annual Tip-Up Town U.S.A., one of the top 10 winter carnivals in the country, will be held Jan. 12-18 at Houghton Lake, followed by the Tip-Up Town Grand Prix for snowmobilers the next weekend Jan. 24-25.

THE TIP-UP Town U.S.A. carnival is a fun-filled tribute to a variety of winter activities, including a Median hunt, parade, ice sculpturing, contests, races, carnival of fun on the ice, helicopter rides, banquet and queen's ball and coronation. There also will be additional features this year, such as aerobics stunt flying on Jan. 17 and sky diving the following day.

Cadillac has scheduled a National Ice and Snow Festival for Jan. 18-17. The week-long program includes dog sled races, queen's contest and dance, figure skating, sled races, torch parade, amateur snowmobile races, ice fishing, snow sculpture and skiing at all winter resorts.

The Clare County Winter Sports Carnival in Clare-Harrison-Farwell, Jan. 28-30,

boasts a variety of unique activities from square dancing on the ice to winter golf played in the snow.
 Alpena also will be the scene of the Northeastern Michigan Speedskating Championships, Feb. 14-15, with about 150 speedskaters expected to participate. Speedskating events have been held in Alpena for nearly 40 years.

A TOP EVENT in the Upper Peninsula is the International 500 Snowmobile Classic at Sault Ste. Marie, a sanctioned race, on Feb. 7. Others include the Michigan Tech Winter Carnival at Houghton-Hancock, Feb. 3-7, and the Grand Prix Snowmobile Derby at Marquette, Feb. 13-15.

The Traverse Winter Carnival, in and around Traverse City Feb. 20-22, calls itself a carnival that will offer everything that's fun and is done outside in winter. It includes a 250-mile sanctioned snowmobile race with \$15,000 in prize money.

March events include a ski carnival at Freeland March 6, Snowmobile Championship Races at East Jordan, set tentatively for March 7-8, and the Sugarloaf Village Spring Carnival, March 13-15.



EDWARD W. ROUTHANH of 33053 Grenada, Livonia, has been promoted to Detroit district sales manager for the Dearborn division of Sharon Steel Corp. Routhahn, who was born in Detroit and studied at the University of Maryland, joined Sharon Steel in 1947 after Army service.



JAMES A. ALIBER, president of First Federal Savings of Detroit, has been elected a director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis for a two-year term. The Indianapolis bank is one of a dozen regional banks in the U.S., and it regulates 243 S.L. associations in Michigan and Indiana.

HOMEOWNERS CORNER

by MARVIN KEMP

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