

Mich. Bell To Expand In Livonia

LIVONIA

The rapid growth of Livonia is not confined to population and industry. It also is seen in the expansion of the utilities.

An example of this is the announcement from Michigan Bell Telephone Company that it will spend over \$40 million this year to expand and improve telephone service in Livonia.

According to Michigan Bell manager, John Peard, this year's total expenditure for Livonia will include \$925,000 for outside plant facilities; \$1 million for telephone equipment in homes and offices; and more than \$2 million for central office equipment.

This expenditure in Livonia is part of Michigan Bell's record \$260,245,000 construction program for 1970.

Farmington Retail Sales Climb 91%

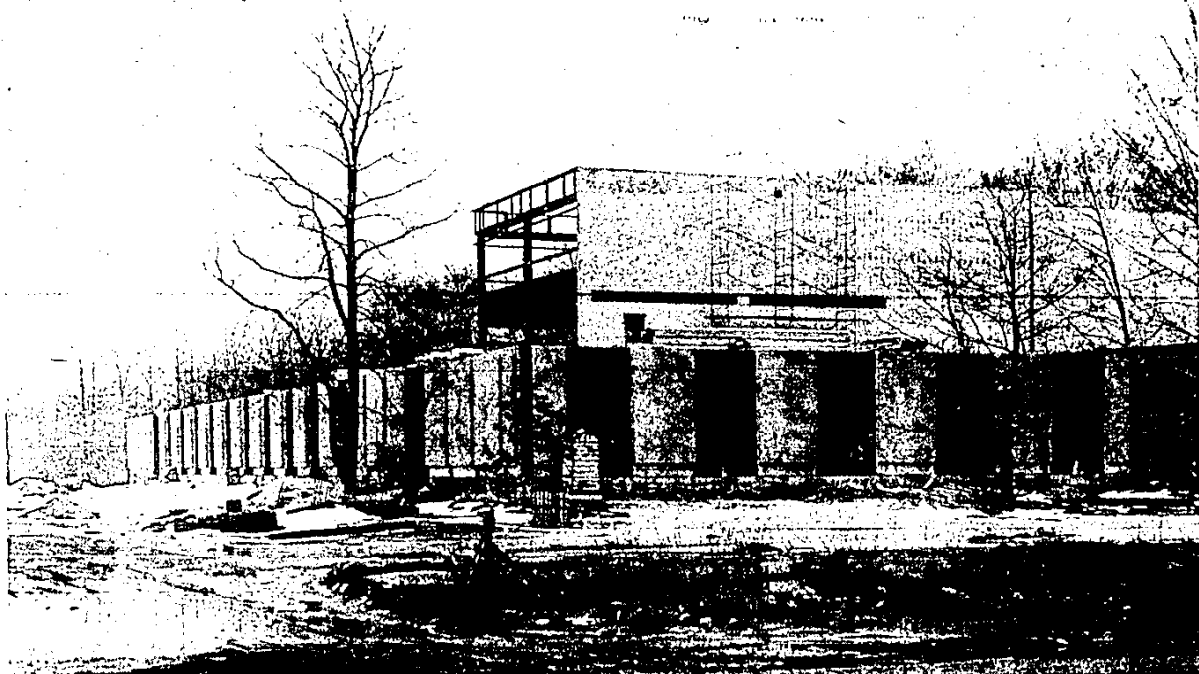
FARMINGTON

Retail sales received a tremendous boost in Farmington between 1963-67 according to "Kaleidoscope," published by the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce in December 1969.

Retail sales in Farmington were \$33.9 million in 1963 and four years later reached the mark of \$64.8 million.

This is a 91 per cent increase which compares to the 30 per cent increase statewide for the same period.

Observers' New Building Going Up



WITH THE PRECAST concrete exterior walls in place and work nearing completion on the second level, the new building that will house the Observer Newspapers Inc. is climbing rapidly. The target date for the newest newspaper plant in Michigan has been set for early summer. The building is located at the intersection of Levan and Schoolcraft Roads. When completed it will be

the most modern newspaper facility in the midwest with a press capacity well beyond that needed for the Observer Newspapers that appear twice each week in five communities. The contractors already are making plans to speed up construction and hope to complete the structure in advance of the target date.

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