

New Bendix Facility To Move Into F'ton

The Bendix Corp.'s Advanced Products Division has announced that it will move its computer graphics operation from Southfield to Farmington Township today. The new site is in the Farmington Freeway

Industrial Park near 10 Mile Rd. and Grand River.

The facility will be used for engineering and manufacturing the Bendix Datagrid Digitizer, an all-electronic device for converting information from

graphic material such as drawings, maps, and charts into numerical language for computer processing.

This device is the first of a complete line of computer graphics products under develop-

ment by the new Bendix activity. Gerald L. McArthur, Bendix operations director and Computer Graphics operations manager, said the move was made to gain more space so

the setup could switch from development to production of its product. **COMPUTER GRAPHICS** has been located in 10,000 square foot quarters in Southfield's Central Park Plaza. The

operation will now be housed in a 9,000 square-foot building. The Farmington facility, vacated earlier this year, had been used by Kelsey-Hayes Co. for its fluid power operation.

McArthur said Bendix has leased the building for five years from Thompson-Brown Co., Farmington developers.

McArthur said Bendix has invested more than \$500,000 in the new setup and will be prepared to go into limited production Monday.

He said Computer Graphics employs 50 persons, many of whom live in the Farmington area. Future economic conditions will determine whether the firm expands its labor force, he said.

McArthur said Computer Graphics will pay about \$4,700 in school, township and county taxes in the next fiscal year. **HEADING UP** Computer

Graphics as product director is Vernon C. Kamm, 31859 Doherty Dr., Farmington.

Kamm, who was previously affiliated with the Bendix Research Laboratories, holds a master's degree in electrical engineering from Wayne State University. As product director, he is in charge of sales, engineering and manufacturing functions.

McArthur also revealed the new quarters will be used to house another Bendix operation next month. The Bendix Commercial Service Corp., headquartered in Owings Mills, Md., will open a new regional service center at the Farmington Township plant.

"This setup will employ about 10 persons and will provide medical instrument service for area hospitals," McArthur said. The service will mean immediate employment of five electronic technicians.

THE INSTRUMENT service will take up about 1,500 square feet of space in the plant.

The Advanced Products Division was formed last October to identify promising new products, investigate their market potential, and nurture those with rapid growth potential until they are established as successful major business ventures.

Headquarters will remain at the Bendix Center in Southfield and continue working with the Bendix Research Laboratories and other Bendix functions to identify and develop new product ideas for the establishment of additional major business ventures outside the plans and capabilities of the existing Bendix divisions and subsidiaries.

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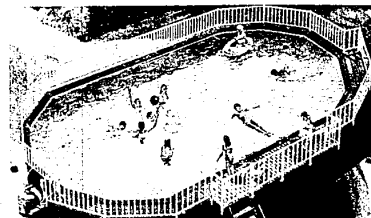
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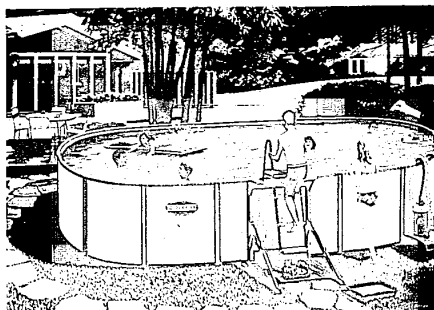
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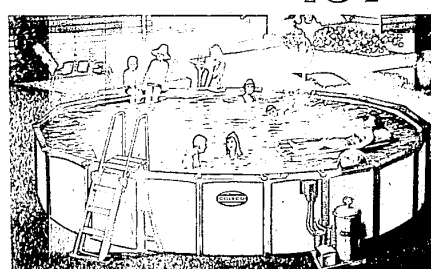
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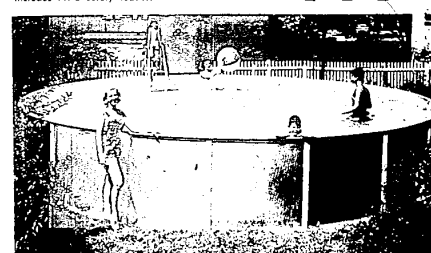


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Nature Notes

Michigan's Rattlesnake Lives Close To Area

By LEM MESEE

Outdoors Writer

Have you chanced the Michigan wilderness this year to hike or camp in the lower counties of the state? If so, I hope you have been or will be

lucky! than one Plymouth boy

I happened to meet last week.

He told me of an earlier meeting he had with a little known, unpredictable and seldom thought of camping hazard—a Massasauga rattlesnake. While exploring the Highland

Recreational area of Oakland County, seven-year-old David Noll was bitten on the right thumb by Michigan's only variety of poisonous snake.

THE INCIDENT occurred when friends in the Indian Guides organization were having a snake hunt, looking for what no boy would admit to fearing.

Instead of finding one of these green garter snakes with yellow stripes and white bellies that are harmless, David and his friends found the grand prize of Michigan's snake kingdom.

The snake has been described as being brown or black on top, with blotches and readily confused with the harmless water snake.

It struck David and left him in critical condition in a hospital. More than a week later, David was on his way to recovery even though he is allergic to the antivenom.

The only thing you can count on with the Massasauga is being bitten. It won't always rattle nor will it always coil. Sometimes it looks brown; it has been known to be jet black; and it's recorded in the books as being ground-color with blotches.

Two ways to identify it are by its slit eyes and pits in front of its eyes that serve as heat sensing devices. As one authority once told me, "If you can see the slits and the pits, you're too damn close to the snake."

THE ONLY other way is by looking for its rattles. The snake won't cotton to you poking about its derriere. Even if you did, the snake may have lost its rattles anyway.

Common breeding grounds for the Massasauga are swamps, marshes, bogs, rivers, lakes and streams. Any damp country can be considered home for this little beast that is only 20 to 30 inches in length, but quite stocky.

Even common snakes—garter, blue racers and the like can give you quite a poke, although they won't make you seriously ill. The best way to avoid being bitten by the Massasauga or any of its friends or relatives is to stay away from them altogether.

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