

Expressway Creates Problems For Old Grand River Businesses

The new Farmington - Brighton expressway is praised by motorists, but for some communities and merchants left high and dry on Grand River, the former route, it has turned out to be a Frankenstein monster.

Farmington has felt some effects, but those suffering most are in the Brighton, New Hudson and Novi areas.

Several suggestions have been advanced by the Island Lake-Brighton Area Businessmen's Ass'n. The state highway depart-

ment has not considered itself to anything for just about any help it might give would mean either construction costs, maintenance, which it got out from under when the new expressway opened.

Two areas were created when the expressway was put across the Huron river at Kensington park. THE WESTERN half wants Grand River re-organized at Brighton. The highway now dead-ends against the expressway, making it useless as a thoroughfare.

Actually Grand River now is divided into both sides of the Huron river, so the group also wants the state to build a bridge across the river. Besides helping the affected businesses along Grand River, the group has two pretty good arguments:

1. Reopening would make a total of seven lanes for traffic going to and from Detroit into the lake region, and would be more road for civil defense purposes.

2. Sightseers would use the old road, keeping them off the high speed expressway.

MEMBERS of the group have told how closing off Grand River has affected their businesses. Some are badly hurt, others have already closed.

Many Farmington businessmen are lending at least moral support to the association's efforts. They fear some loss of their own business next summer. Some businesses, such as motels, bait shops, gas stations have already felt the slump.

The highway department is also getting pressure for the 37-mile extension of Northwestern highway to U.S. 23, instead of the proposed short cut on 11 Mile road through Farmington township. The newly formed Northwestern Highway Ass'n is pushing this campaign.

Meantime there are unconfirmed rumors the state is still buying right-of-way along the earlier proposed route.

STAMAN ACRES

Suzanne Sivy GR. 3-4783

Dates to remember—The cancer paid pinning group will meet at the home of Aileen Turner on March 6th. On April 11th the Association Dance will be held, and April 26th the bowling league will have their Bowling Banquet.

Some very becoming sun tans are being shown off in the subdivision of late.

Mr. and Mrs. Hagan of Belmont Drive have just returned from a five week tour of the south. The Higans traveled to New Orleans, down the gulf coast to Fort Myers, to Miami and then up the east coast. The Higans visited friends, took cruises and did all the other things tourists do. They had one small problem. They had stopped in a motel in Arab, Alabama, and they got stuck there. The temperature was six degrees below zero and there was 12 inches of snow, they reported.

Another set of sun tans that are being shown off are owned by Margaret and Leo Sivy of Staman Court and their son, Stuart. The Sivys flew to Miami and then motored to Pompano Beach. They stayed with Margaret's mother. Deep sea fishing was enjoyed, along with a fashion show and luncheon at "The Barefoot Mailman."

The St. Anthony's Guild from the Our Lady of Sorrows church held a banquet at Palombos on Tuesday evening, February 18th. A group of 18 women who enjoyed the combination birthday party-banquet. The birthday celebrated was that of Gerlie Bursick. The women presented Gerlie with a birthday cake and various cards.

Thursday evening, February 13th, the Lions Club sponsored a Dance at the Northwest Sportsmen Club. Some of the couples from the subdivision who attended were: Gerry Bursick, Martha and Bob Bacon, Joanne and Bill Smith, Charlotte and Vic Waskowski, Jean and Jim Haines, Pete and Virginia Klapp, and Bev and Jim Ellis.

Youth Admits 4 Break-Ins

Bertram Warren, 17, of 22745 Hawthorne St. is now awaiting trial in connection with four house break-ins in which he confessed to committing in January in the City of Farmington, officials of the Public Safety Department disclosed Tuesday. He was released on \$2,400 bond pending trial next week.

A younger youth, also implicated, has been turned over to his parents by Oakland County Juvenile Court Authorities.

Nothing was taken from two of the homes broken into and only a small amount of money from the two others, police officers working the cases stated.

Officers Richard Walker and John Butters were given credit for the apprehension of the youths.

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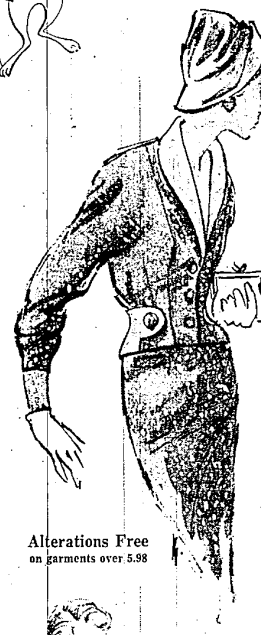
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