

New Year, New Schools

As usual this fall, suburban school districts are opening a number of new buildings and additions to meet growing enrollments.

Biggest single project is Oakland Community College's new Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Township (photo at left). Schoolcraft College has a physical education building under construction but it won't be ready until next year.

Clarenceville topped local districts with three projects--a high school auditorium wing and two elementary additions. Farmington and Plymouth districts each have a new elementary school, but neither was able to open on schedule last week.

Later in the school year, Livonia will have two new buildings--Dickinson Junior High School and Sec. 15 elementary school.

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Township is expected to be completely finished by April 30, 1968. Dr. Richard E. Wilson, Orchard Ridge provost, said that the overall cost of the campus will be around \$18

million. Right now, Wilson said, 60 percent of the campus has been completed and is usable. By next April, there will be 11 buildings. Seven of the 11 are being used now.



FARMINGTON'S NEWEST, Forest Elementary School, was unable to open on schedule last week. It is scheduled to have the district's first non-graded format. It's located at 34545 Old Timber Trail, in a stand of virgin timber

that is slated to be developed into a nature area. Approximate cost: \$700,000. Conducting their own building inspection are sixth grader Sari Britton and third grader Brad Braunreuther, both of Northwick Drive.



GRANDVIEW ELEMENTARY School, in the Clarenceville district, has an addition that includes administrative offices, science, art

and music rooms, teachers lounge and work area, and conference room. It's at 19814 Louise, Livonia. Cost: \$220,000.

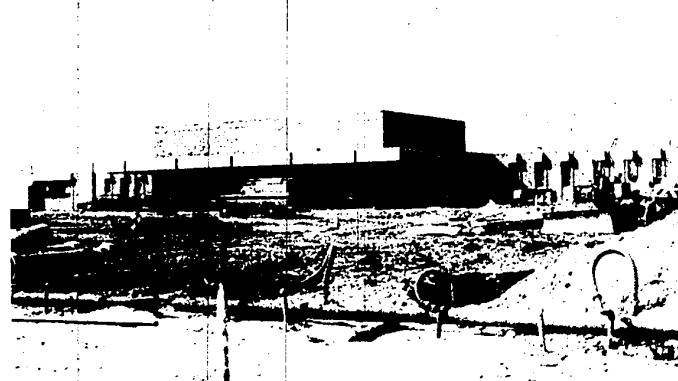
LEFT: Westbrook Elementary School, in the Clarenceville district, boasts a new addition that includes a library, two special purpose rooms, three classrooms, art room, conference room and teachers lounge. It's on Osmus Avenue in Farmington. Cost \$335,000.

RIGHT: Livonia didn't open any new buildings this year, but it does have two under construction and expected to be available later in fall or early winter. This one is Dickinson Junior High School on Newburgh Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Designed for 900 to 1,000 students, it will cost more than \$1.8 million and have 39 rooms.



CLARENCEVILLE HIGH School's new auditorium wing is still under construction, due to open sometime in fall. Besides an impressive community

auditorium, it will contain a library, four engineering rooms, three science rooms and a communications center. Cost: \$1,084,000.



PLYMOUTH'S ELEMENTARY School No. 8--still unnamed--is also still unopened, but may be ready late this week. It's located at Joy and

Haggerty roads and will have a capacity of 420 students. Cost: \$650,000.

