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# Winery, Bar

The Botsford was built as a home on 42 acres in 1836 by Orrin Weston. In 1841, Stephen Jennings purchased the home and converted it to a tavern and stage coach stop, naming it the Sixteen-Mile House.

Milton Botsford acquired the building in 1860 and re-named it the Botsford Inn, a name which has stuck. Henry Ford owned the Botsford in 1924 and upon Ford's death, the Inn was acquired by the Anhut Hotels Co. of Detroit.

A LISTING of historic sites in Farmington area would be quite lengthy.

But, it would have to include the Masonic Temple at the northwest corner of Grand River and Farmington Rds. The Temple once contained the offices of government for Farmington Township and is now a senior citizens activity center and headquarters for the Chamber of Commerce when not used by the Masons.

Another historic spot is the Farmington Community Center on the west side of Farmington Rd. north of 10 Mile. The former Goodenough mansion was donated to the community.

Next to it is the Elinor Spicer sheep farm which was once part of the Goodenough estate.

The fire station on 14 Mile Rd., once the structure for Button's Orchards, is a page from Farmington's farming era.

A number of century-old homes exist throughout the area with many located within a quarter-mile radius of Grand River and Farmington Rds., including the former mansion of Gov. Fred Warner on Grand River.

A large, white colonial residence on the northwest corner of 11 Mile and Powers Rd. is a historic building with local tradition having it that an underground railroad operated through tunnels from the basement.

Another historic building is the Enterprise Building now occupied by Jerry's Bookstore. Also once a DUR terminal, the Farmington Enterprise was printed here for many years, under many publishers and editors.

In 1967 it was joined with the Farmington Observer under the ownership of Philip H. Power.

It was Power, descendant of Arthur and Nathan Power, who furnished stability to the newspaper which is now printed in a newspaper plant which is one of the most modern offset printing facilities in the nation.

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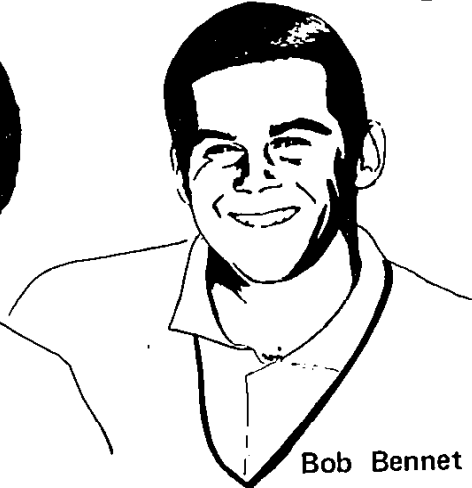
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