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One of the early Farmington businesses was Himmelsbach's Dining Room on Grand River in the City of Farmington, an area now occupied by a parking lot just east of Farmington Rd.

Joseph Himmelsbach founded a business selling dairy products at 333 14 Grand River and, in 1937, moved his business to the old Detroit Urban Railroad terminal at 33219 Grand River.

The dining room was a popular eating place in Farmington until it closed in 1966. It burned to the ground a week later in one of the city's largest fires in history.

ANOTHER long-time Farmington business is the Farmington Lumber Yard which has operated for more than 55 years at its location on Grand River east of Warner St.

The original building was once part of the old Warner Farm and later used as a Detroit Urban Railway terminal.

The firm was founded by Amos Otis and is owned now by Ray Hall.

IN 1933, the La Salle Wines and Champagne, Inc., was started in Farmington and located in another DUR terminal -- this one on the south side of Grand River immediately west of the northbound leg of Orchard Lake.

The winery was closed in 1970, but it remains a part of Farmington's rich history.

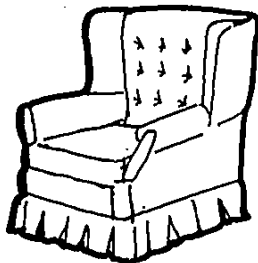
A HIGHLIGHT in Farmington is the famed Botsford Inn, located behind the white picket fence on Grand River just west of 8 Mile.

The Botsford was started more than 100 years ago in the days when Grand River was a plank road. The inn was an overnight spot to stay for carriage riders making the trip from Lansing to Detroit and also a place to rest for travelers from Chicago.

The Botsford, now one of the oldest inns in Michigan and the midwest, is owned and operated today by John Anhut who has also made history by becoming the first president of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce to be elected to two consecutive terms.

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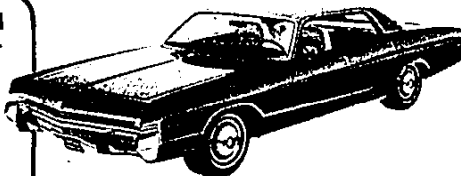
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