Columbia Street To Be Opened

City Attorney Forbes S. Hascall has been instructed by the city commission to draft a resolution initiating condemnation proceedings for the opening of Columbia street, between Villa and Hayes.

According to John E. Martz, the subdivision will be developed if the city takes this step. He said the property owner would pay the entire cost of condemnation and any award, plus costs to bring the street up to city standards.

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WALNUT LAKE NEWS

By NORINE McKAY
Phone: LONGACRE 5-2375

Mrs. John Kurdell of Euclid left Friday for an indefinite stay at Miami, Fla.

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Jimmy Baker, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Baker, celebrated his fifth birthday December 18. Ten of his little friends came to his home on Comfort drive to see movies and help him eat the cake and ice cream.

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Brownies made Christmas presents at their meeting on Monday. Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. McDougall were on hand with suggestions and help. Hostess for the day was Barbara Sinclair and the flag bearers were Sibyl Hampton and Sally Hanson.

Today the Brownies are having a Christmas party and luncheon at the home of Mrs. Martin Wade on Deering. Hostesses will be Leslie Stevens and Judy Sundstrom. After an exchange of gifts the Brownies will carol in the neighborhood.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Hadfield entertained a group of their friends Tuesday evening at their home on Poplar lane.

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Troop 9, the Walnut Lake Girl Scouts, carolled Monday evening. After tramping through the snow and singing, they gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Sundstrom on Edgewood. Hot chocolate and cake were served and Christmas gifts were exchanged. Mrs. King and Mrs. Anderson accompanied them.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Cutter of Comfort will spend Christmas week end in Adrian with Harold's mother, Mrs. Alice Cutter and his sister, Mrs. Clifford Miller.

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Wednesday evening, guests from Parry Sound, Ontario, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sweet of Euclid. They are Mr. and Mrs. James McAvay, who will be houseguests over the holiday. Mrs. McAvay is Frank's mother, Mrs. Sweet's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lowen and their two children of Evansville, Ind., are expected on Friday. Friday evening the Sweets will have a family party and 24 relatives will be dinner guests and take part in the Christmas tree celebration.

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The R. C. Banker home on Comfort drive will be the scene of a family party on Christmas Day. Taking part in the celebration will be their son, Herbert, daughters, Mrs. Banker-Athay, Mrs. Elizabeth Baker and Mrs. George E. Fritz, grandchildren, James Banker, Robin, Sandal and Pamela Fritz and Dr. George E. Fritz.

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Emma Young is home from Michigan State college, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Young of Lawndale.

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Robert E. Joyce is home from Michigan State college to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Joyce of Deering. The Joyces' daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Skelton will be there Christmas Day for the family celebration.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jokela of Sunnycrest had a neighborhood gathering in their home on Sunday evening to hear the carollers who came as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edson Stevens to carol in this community. Mrs. Jokela served hot cocoa and cookies to the carollers. The carollers went singing on their way and the neighbors remained to play several old fashioned games in keeping with holiday season.

Across the lake the carollers made their next stop at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Banker on Comfort drive. Thirty neighbors were awaiting them. After singing several carols, they were invited in for refreshments. Mrs. C. F. Ribolin poured. The guests were asked to join the carollers in singing Christmas songs, then the carollers, ringing sleigh bells as they went, journeyed on.

Under the lighted tree on the lawn of the Walter F. Carey home, the singers again delighted their listeners, and were invited in for refreshments. The tour was completed by returning to the Edson Stevens home on Walnut Lake road.

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An evergreen spray, presented by the gardening group of the Women's Club to the Girl Scouts, decorated the front door of the Walnut Lake school.

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Christmas parties for the children of Walnut Lake school were held in the grade rooms Wednesday afternoon. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments served. Candy for the party was furnished by the gardening group of the Walnut Lake Women's club.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Dutch Miller's Back In Uniform

After ten days in the city, Dutch is back in uniform. I don't mean Army khaki or Navy blue—but a different uniform, that's every bit as patriotic and American.

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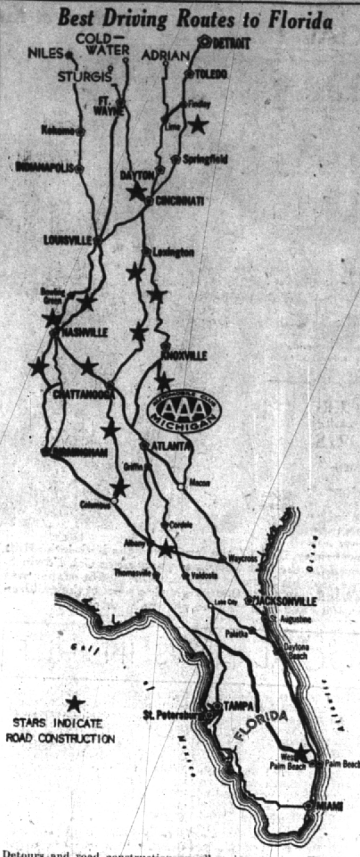
Best Driving Routes to Florida



Detours and road construction on all main routes to Florida this season (above) need not deter the south-bound traveler. For a combination of various main routes and alternates will avoid most of the rough going and save time even though it may be longer in miles than a straight route, Auto Club Travel Manager Harry Rogan said. Travelers from all Michigan cities can easily connect with one of the five city "exits" shown, which include Niles, Coldwater, Sturgis, Adrian and Detroit.

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DETROIT — A large increase in overnight accommodations in southern states and many detours on main routes feature this season's "Travel-to-Florida" picture, according to Automobile Club of Michigan's Travel Bureau manager Harry N. Rogan.

No tourist, however, should stay home because of road conditions in the sunny south, Rogan hastens to add. For a network of alternate roads near most construction projects will avoid most detours. Habitual winter sojourners in the south will note that the same roads as usual are blocked at the same spots.

"I think they wait till tourist season starts to repair the roads in the southland," Rogan stated.

More Motor Courts

In the 14 southern states (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia) there are 35 per cent more motor court and motel accommodations this season, the new AAA accommodations directory reveals. In the "Accommodations other than hotels" category, the book lists 763 suitable places to stop this year as compared with 557 last. Florida alone has 51 new motels.

With this increase, accommodations most everywhere in the south will be more than adequate, the Auto Club forecasts. Prices won't be up over last year, and will decrease in some spots. En route to Florida, hotel rates for double roms vary from $6 to $10 per night, with first class motor courts costing from $3.50 to $8. Meal costs will average from $3 to $5 a day per person in the south, with no increase over last year.

They Are Prepared

"Southern tourist operators apparently took note of last summer's economy wave among travelers. They're prepared for the person who shops around to get the best for his money. I think they realize that if prices are too high this year, many who always go south just won't go to Florida anymore," Rogan said.

Sightseeing trips to Havana and Nassau are cheaper than in 1947-48. One can go by boat round-trip from Miami to Havana for $45, while airliners leave on the trip every hour for $20 per round trip. A trip to Nassau and back by air costs $50 also this season. Anyone who goes to Florida should take both trips at least once in his life, Rogan recommended.

All during the winter Florida will be first and California second in popularity as a tourist objective for Michigan folks, Auto Club figures show. Southern Michigan travlers motoring to Florida's state line can reach there in three or four days of comfortable driving, traveling about 1,100 miles. Northern Michigan and Upper Peninsula motorists will require an additional day.

What Is Best Route?

What is the best route, detours considered? Although one can't be sure there won't be new construction begun before he starts, the following will get him there quickly: via US-25 to Cincinnati, 25 as far as Dry Ridge, via Ky 22 to Owenton, Ky.; No. 35 through Frankfort to Danville, US 150 through Stanford, joining US 25, which is followed in connection with US 25W into Knoxville.

From there South the route is now free of roadwork via US 411 to Chatsworth, US 41 to Marietta and via the dual highway into Atlanta, US 41 to Barnesville, US 341 to Perry, rejoining US 41 to Lake City.

Effective use of fighter planes from ships dates back to 1912, when the catapult was introduced. First American planes in combat service in the first World War were Navy flying boats.

Debaters Need One Victory to Enter State Tournament

In the third of the four scheduled preliminary debates the Birmingham squad met the team from Pershing of Detroit here last Monday afternoon.

Bob Beals and Bertram Johnson were on the winning affirmative team while Cynthia Hadley and Barb Hughes lost the negative to Pershing.

The judges were Miss Eva Moore, Royal Oak, and Paul Richard, Wayne University.

Birmingham's next scheduled debate is at Plymouth, Jan. 8. The team must have one more victory to qualify for the state elimination tournament.

The team is coached by Charles Thumser.

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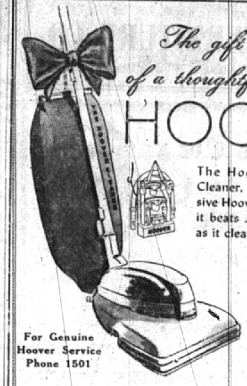

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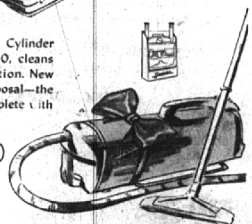

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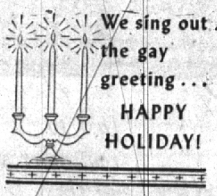

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