

Correspondent Takes Test Trip Over Township Roads; Finds Conditions Bad

By Lillian Diederich
SOUTHFIELD TWP.—With "roads" being the main topic of conversation here, this reporter decided on a personal tour of the district to get the true conditions. It turned out to be mainly a walking tour.

Started out by car—but for only a short distance. Just before I took to walking I witnessed an unusual sight on Greenfield, a paved highway, between Nine and Ten Mile roads. Two young men were just leaving a car which had stalled in about three feet of water. With trousers legs rolled high and shoes and socks clutched in their hands, they waded through the icy water and away from their now-useless car.

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driver's caution, there is an element of danger.

"It has been so bad that I have not driven our car in more than two weeks," she stated.

Impossible and Improbable
Over at 21800 Midway, N. E. Young, president of the men's club, spoke at a dinner.

"The roads are impassable and impossible. At every club meeting groups bring in complaints. They are sick and tired of the same thing, year after year.

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Prevailing Conditions
In an interview with Mr. Athanasius Broad of 24574 Edgemont, I learned she had not driven her car to her home all winter. She has been leaving it on a firm spot a half mile away, and walking the rest of the distance. She told me the condition had prevailed for years.

Saturday the road commission dumped gravel on Edgemont, Glenzie and Samoset.

"It did little good," Mrs. Broad said. "The spreader threw a lot of it back into the ditches where it is needed."

"The general opinion is that spring rains will wash away the thin layer, making the entire project a waste of time and money," Mrs. Broad concluded.

"Roads in Southfield township are so bad I fear for the safety of our children riding school buses," was the statement made by Mrs. Theodore Hoffman, mother of three children attending Angling road school.

"His drivers have a great responsibility driving in this area," she stated. "The vehicles lose passengers about as they dodge the deep ruts, and regardless of the

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Most of us, it seems to me, moved to the country to avoid certain city refinements.

We can move back to the city if we wish, or we can stay here and put up with those special inconveniences which always go with the counter-balancing joys of "rural" life. It is possible, that even the things they are allowed are far below what is already being spent."

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Birmingham Joins Royal Oak in Asking for Closed Drain

A resolution asking the county for a closed drain to replace the present open ditch extending from Coolidge road to the west part of Clawson has been approved by the city commission.

The city of Royal Oak also has requested the county to complete this project.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert said the ditch drains the area north of Lincoln and east of Adams.

FRANKLIN NEWS

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Psychiatrist to Speak
Franklin PTA will meet Monday night, Feb. 27, 8 p.m. at the Franklin school. Dr. John Dorsey, prominent Wayne university psychiatrist will speak. The public is invited.

Church Items
The program for the family night potluck dinner Sunday, Feb. 26, 6 p.m. at the Town Hall will be the movie, "Return to Faith". Music will be presented by the adult choir of the Franklin Community church.

Next Sunday, Feb. 26, will be Layman Sunday at the Franklin church. Winfield Hinman, Edwin Green and Alice Grize will be the speakers.

Committee Meeting
A committee meeting to complete plans for the auction and country sale on Mar. 10 and 11 will be held at the home of Hugh C. White this evening.

Social Happenings
Dr. Chester Skarr of Chicago, Ill., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Hard last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. White, scenic drive, entertained at their home with a cocktail party preceding the Presidents ball at Plum Hollow Golf club last Saturday night.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Marjorie Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. William Jacobson, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker, Mr. Jeffrey Creagan, Miss Birdie Sweet and Paul Schoeffel of Franklin.

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Y Men's Varsity Whips Hannan Team

Playing inspired basketball and displaying uncanny ability on their shots from the floor, the Birmingham YMCA Men's varsity basketball team won its fifth game of the season last Thursday night at the Barman Junior high gym by a score of 50 to 39 over the Hannan Memorial branch of Detroit.

Jim Kotie, playing center for the Dark Green, put the locals out in front with two nice shots from close in. Al Larsen stole the ball on two occasions and made good on shots to give Birmingham a 16 to 7 lead at the quarter.

Roge Reynolds, Don Little and Mike Sutton built this up to a 27 to 17 half-time score as Birmingham dominated play and held their taller opponents in close check.

In the second half Reynolds, Kotie and Larsen matched the Hannan five basket for basket while Keith Ege and Don Little were holding the Detroit group defensively. All Birmingham members figured in the scoring.

The victory elevated the local Y to fifth place in the Metropolitan Detroit YMCA league. They have now won five of twelve games played and will meet Fisher branch of Detroit tonight on the Baldwin high school floor at 8 p.m.

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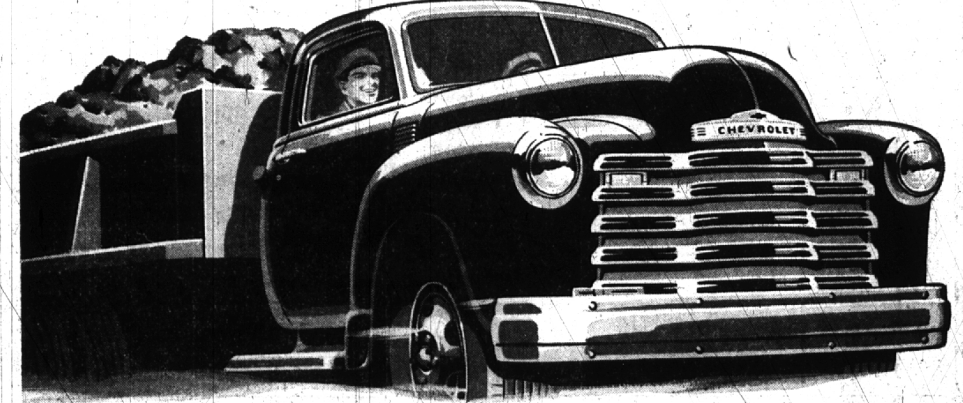


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