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City officials and the contractors view Birmingham's newest beauty spot



NEW, 4-LANE PAVEMENT, SMOOTHER CURVES PROVIDE GREATER SAFETY
This is a view looking toward the west.



NICE, WIDE BRIDGE REPLACES FORMER 2-LANE HAZARD
Here is what the motorist sees looking east and up the hill. (Eccentric Staff Photos)

New W. Maple Road, Bridge Are Praised

By JACK BERGERS

The residents of Birmingham who have detoured W. Maple Road because of construction are back on their old schedule again. Traffic is open on the new road, and what a change!

No more jolting bumps and sharp turns. Gone is the old narrow bridge that required flawless aiming on the part of the driver. In their place is a smooth stretch of a four-lane modern road. The sharp curves are replaced by a gradual flowing arc that is hardly noticeable to the driver. A wide graceful bridge now stands replacing the narrow old one. A few trees were removed but they only concealed the beauty of Quanton Lake Falls. Now the falls can be seen clearly from the road.

Do the people like the new road? You bet they do, and here are a few comments that express how they feel.

Mrs. George Jacoby, 245 Puritan. "The new road is just gorgeous, and you don't really miss the big trees. It cuts off the bad hill. This is some of the best things that's happened to Birmingham."

Jim Knox, 361 Lake Park. "It's a fine civic improvement. I hope that speeding doesn't become a problem on the new road."

Mrs. C. S. McCarthy, 159 Pilgrim. "It's a big improvement. I wondered about the turn at Southfield but it's going to be nice if there is not too much traffic."

Mrs. N. Ellis, 187 Pilgrim. "The new road looks fine. I can't get over how much smoother it is than the old one. I'm very pleased with it."

Raymond H. Peck, 898 Larchlea. "I like it very much. The road is very pleasing, especially the approach towards Quanton Lake. The falls from the lake are really beautiful."

Betty Conrad, 139 Pilgrim. "It's nice looking and the landscaping is very modern. I don't think that speeding will increase on W. Maple."

William R. Lowellen, 671 Pilgrim. "Very nice. I don't think that any of the beauty was destroyed. It's still scenic. I doubt that speeding will increase."

Mrs. A. Stuart, 215 Saffold. "I was agreeably surprised, the road's much better. It's easier and nicer to drive."

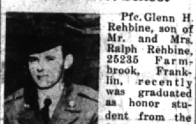
Everett Arthur, Cranbrook School. "The new road will be a lot safer than the old one. As for the beauty... it still looks good to me."

There were a few who weren't happy with the new road. Most of the reasons were the same. Here's an example of the negative residents:

Mrs. C. W. Fredericks, 180 Pilgrim. "I'm afraid that the new road will be very noisy and that it will have too many trucks on it. Speeding will increase, too."

It took time to build the new W. Maple road but it seems from this survey that the people think it was well worth waiting for.

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