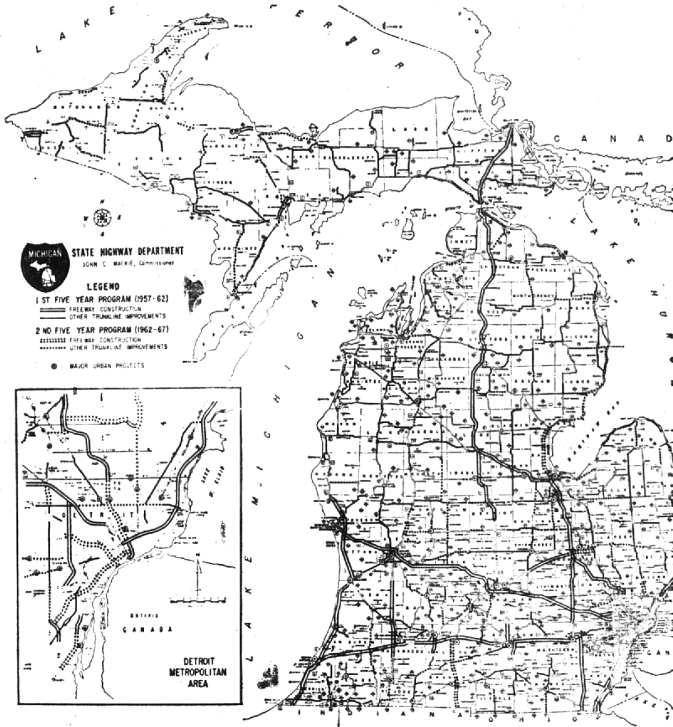


# \$850 Million Road Building Program Announced



Details of Michigan's second five-year road building program were announced recently by John C. Mackie, state highway commissioner. Nearly \$850 million worth of highway improvements will be made throughout the state. Mackie said the second five-year program, which extends from July 1, 1962 to June 30, 1967, calls for construction of 175 miles of freeway and modernization of 1,400 miles of

other highways in every section of Michigan. The first five-year program—1957 to 1962—called for expenditures totaling \$1.25 billion. "The total highway investment in Michigan during the 10-year period from 1957 to 1967 will be nearly \$2 billion," Mackie said.

## Bell Allocates \$3,000,000 For S'field Office Center

About \$3,000,000 of Michigan Bell Telephone Company's \$80,700,000 expansion and improvement program for 1961 has been allocated for completion this summer of Bell's new \$6,000,000 Northwest Office Center in Southfield. The announcement was made by Albert H. Warner, 2447 Derby, Birmingham, Birmingham office manager.

The overall construction program, fourth highest in the company's history, also calls for the expenditure of more than \$1,620,000 in the Royal Oak exchange. "The program represents our best estimate of what will be needed to meet our customers' demands for service when and where they want it, and to continue the steady technological improvements that make the telephone more convenient and useful," said Warner.

"OUR PROGRAM FOR 1961 has been surpassed only three other

times in our company's history, and it reflects our continued faith in the economic strength of Michigan. "Even though telephone development in Michigan already is at a high level, we hope to gain about 65,000 telephones this year. This compares with more than 91,000 in 1960."

Warner said that expenditures in 1961 will be made in virtually every section of the state served by Michigan Bell. Of the year's total cash outlay, \$42.5 million has been earmarked by the company to handle additional service demands resulting from growth; \$14.4 million for improvements, and \$29.8 million to finance the in-and-out movement of telephones and to replace worn-out equipment at today's higher costs.

WARNER SAID this year's construction schedule will require the installation of more than 4.7 billion

conductor feet of cable—enough to reach almost four times from the earth to the moon. Construction will begin this year on nine new buildings and seven building additions, representing a total cost of \$2,350,000. Half of the buildings and all seven additions are scheduled for completion this year, while the others will be finished in 1962. Eight other building additions, all started in 1960, will be completed this year at a total cost of \$914,000. During the year Michigan Bell will continue to push two other programs designed to improve service and to better the quality of voice transmission over telephone lines.

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**The Race for Life**  
Q. What determines whether it will be a boy or girl?  
A. For the creation of a human being, 225 million male reproductive (sperm) cells line up in a race for life. Half of these are capable of producing only males, the other half only females. All sperm cells move toward the "target"—a single egg cell (ovum)—which can develop into a male or female. Whether a male-producing or female-producing sperm reaches the ovum first is a matter of pure chance. The "race" for winning is life itself. For after the ovum is fertilized by the lucky sperm, the door is closed to all others. The "late arrivals" soon grow weary and die. Thus the sex of the child is determined by the father and by the laws of chance at the moment of conception.

**Blood Cells**  
Q. How long do red blood cells live? If that happens to the dead cells?  
A. Red blood cells (erythrocytes) live for approximately four months. Your body makes about 200 billion red cells every day to replace those that wear out. The worn-out cells are sent to the spleen where they are broken down into various chemicals. Some of the chemical substances are discarded by the body as waste. But iron, present in all red blood cells, is saved. This "scrap" iron reaches the bone marrow, where it is reused to make more red blood cells.

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### 7th Day Adventists

Mrs. Paul Robertson of Troy will head the Fernale Dorcas Society in serving a noon dinner at the annual conference of the Dorcas Federation of the southeastern Michigan section. The event will be held at the Fernale Seventh Day Adventist Church from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. Sunday. Mrs. H. St. Jean of Birmingham will be among those attending. Speakers will be Dr. A. A. Estela of Washington, D. C., associate director of the home missionary department of the general conference, and Vernon Flory of Burton Springs, Michigan regional director.

### Civil War Group Organizes in Troy

A new Civil War study group called the Michigan Regimental Round Table has been organized in Troy. Consisting of several members who have made a study of this particular field, the group is interested in receiving correspondence and answering questions on this subject. The group holds regular monthly meetings. Correspondence may be addressed to Michigan Regimental Round Table, Corresponding Secretary, Jon Phillips, Box 44, Troy.

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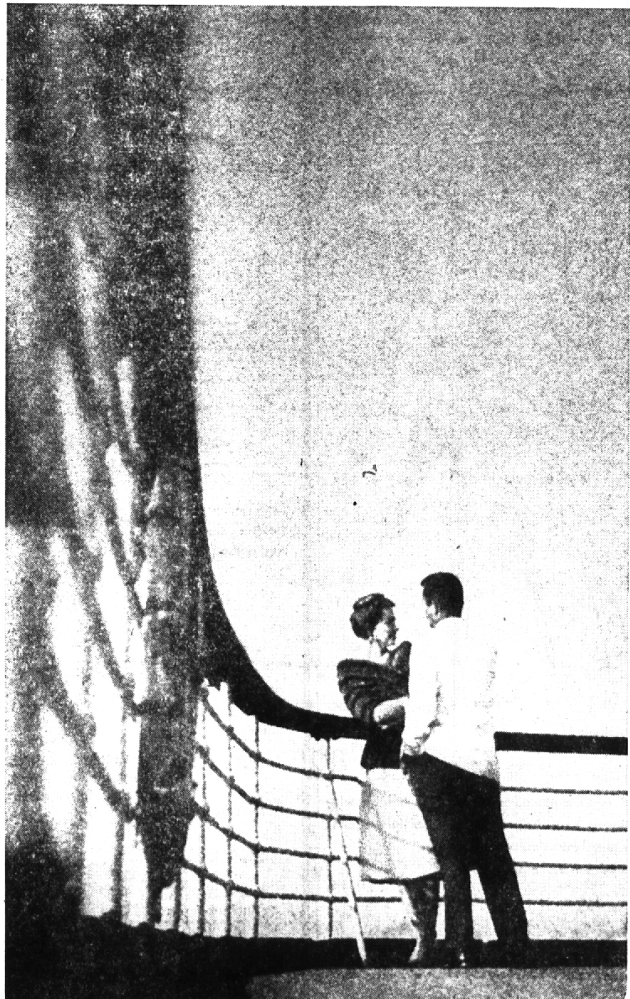
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