
US-10 FREEWAY AIDED SANFORD LAKE IN 1962

With Sanford Lake having had the advantage of the US-10 freeway throughout the 1962 season, the results and effect of this highway on Sanford Lake are beginning to show. **While the US-10 bridge and causeway now split the lake in two sections, they apparently haven't hurt its popularity.** "The lake attracted considerable more interest from out-of-towners, especially residents from Flint and Detroit" reports Donald J. Crawford, president of the Sanford Chamber of Commerce. When plans were announced that the freeway would cross the lake at a point about one and one-half miles north of Sanford, businessmen, promoters and developers of the lake predicted that this would open up the lake for more development.

INTEREST SOARS Old US-10 through Sanford and over the Tittabawassee river below the Wolverine Power Company's dam did not give travelers a glimpse of the lake and it was the feeling that many did not know there was a lake behind the dam. **"We never had this interest of Sanford Lake before." Said Crawford in summarizing the results of the first summer season with the help of the freeway.** He noted there was more than normal building of cottages and lake residences this past year in comparison with other years. Crawford said he also noticed more work among the lake property owners as they labored to control the ever-present problem of shore erosion. Construction of new roads by the Midland County Road Commission and the improvement of M-30 along the East shore of the lake have made it more easily accessible. The Chamber head is of the opinion that improvement of roads brought about increased interest among property owners along the lake as they labored to improve and beautify their places.

SEES MORE COTTAGES Dana F. Campbell, a Midland hardware dealer and developer of Verity Shores subdivision on the West side of the lake in the southern part of Edenville Township, was another who noted increased popularity of the lake from persons seeking lake property. **He reports that over half of the lots in his subdivision have been sold and only a few lakefront areas are left. With the completion of a canal, the subdivision now offers canal lots for purchasers of lake property.** Campbell said there was considerable interest in lake property after the close of the season on Labor Day. "They bought lots and are now waiting for the arrival of spring weather to begin building on them," he said. On this basis, Campbell anticipates the lake will see more cottages and lake residences built there in 1963.

GOOD FISHING LAKE Sanford Lake, formed by the construction of the dam and power plant by the Wolverine Power Company is the second largest of four artificial lakes on the Tittabawassee River. The lake covers approximately 2,115 acres. **For years the lake has been a known among sportsmen as a "good fishing lake."** C-C President Crawford feels the lake must maintain that reputation. He said his organization has campaigned for cleaning up the lake of carp but has had little success so far with the Michigan Conservation Department. To maintain good fishing in the lake, the Chamber, he added, also feels a program should be inaugurated to clean out the tributaries that drain into the lake as well as curbing the flow from the septic systems into the lake.

The lake - while artificial - is the only one in Midland County. Its most popular places for bathers and swimmers are Francis Grove and Flanders Beach. **Like almost any lake these days, it is exceptionally crowded at times with powerboats and water skiers.** Its development over the year has been on a non-commercial basis.