

THE MITCHELL STREET BRIDGE

**Located on U.S. 131 and U.S. 31
Petoskey, Michigan**

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The Northern Independent
Tuesday, June 26, 1883

The Mitchell Street Bridge will be ready as soon as the approaches are completed.

The Record says David Finlay was the first man to cross the Mitchell Street Bridge

The Emmet County Democrat
Friday, June 22, 1883

The Mitchell St. Bridge will be completed this week, and as soon as the approaches are finished it will be thrown open to the public. It is a fine structure 30 feet high and 450 feet long.

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**The Petoskey Record**  
**August 21, 1913**

## **SMALL CIGAR MAKES BIG BLAZE** **HICKOX SAVES THE BRIDGE**

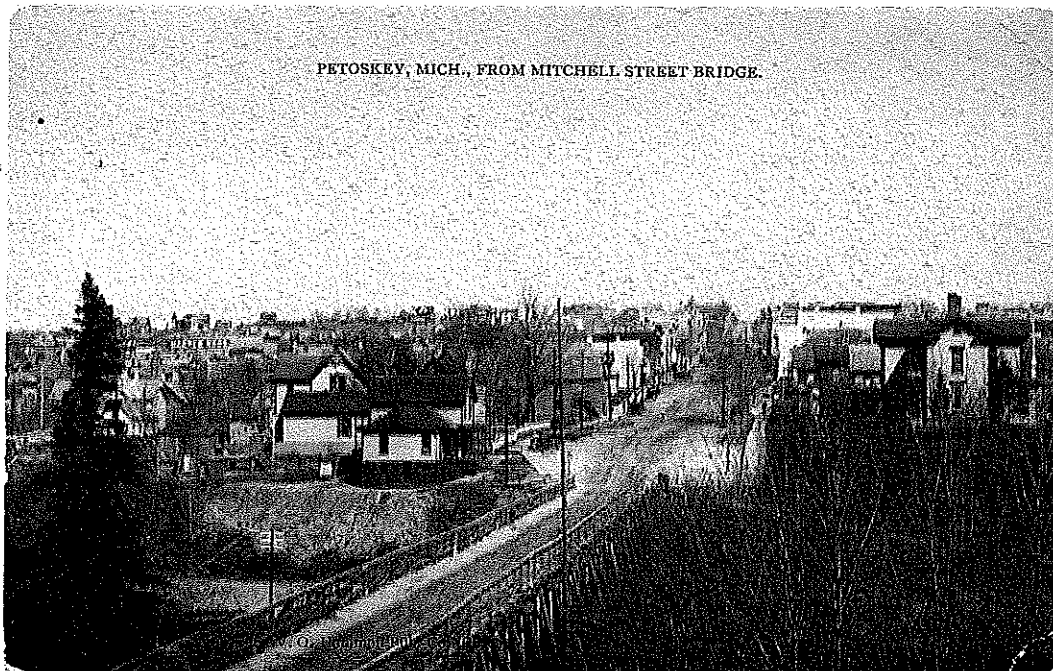
But for the timely appearance of Archie Hickox at noon Monday, Petoskey might now be minus the Mitchell Street Bridge.

Someone threw a cigar on the planking, which is exceedingly dry, and a blaze flared up. It had obtained a good start when Mr. Hickox, on his way home from work, discovered it, and quickly stamped out the flames.

It chanced that no one had been near the bridge for several minutes previous to the appearance of Mr. Hickox.

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The Emmet County Democrat
June 26, 1885

The Record thinks that Mitchell Street Bridge needs an additional rail to make it more safe for children. That is a good idea, and it would be a good thing if that break-leg cross-walk on Howard and Michigan Street was replaced by a new one.



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Petoskey Evening News, page 1
Tuesday, December 23, 1930

MORE MEN ARE WORKING TODAY ON NEW BRIDGE

FIRST TASK IS TO REMOVE OLD STEEL STRUCTURE OVER BEAR RIVER

Much Of Steel To Be Saved For Supports For Forms. State Plans Maintenance Work

A fairly good sized crew of men was at work today on the new Mitchell street bridge project. About twenty or so workers were busy tearing down the old bridge unloading machinery and materials for the new structure, and getting things in shape for even speedier effort after Christmas. Yesterday four or five men were hired and today about a dozen more are reported to have been added.

The task of tearing the old steel structure to pieces will appear slow to some persons but the work must move carefully for at least two reasons. There must be no careless moves to endanger the lives of workmen and much of the steel must be cut and stored for use as supports for the big forms for the concrete arches.

The Whitney Brothers Company engineers appear to be old hands at the game of wrecking old steel structures. They have cutting torches, trucks and other equipment for handling the work and the men yesterday went about their task with seemingly well laid plans. Cement mixers, derricks, and other machinery is here ready for action as needed.

Petoskey Evening News, page 1
Tuesday, December 30, 1930

OLD BRIDGE IS ABOUT WRECKED

STEEL WORK WILL ALL BE DOWN BY TOMORROW. PUT WIRES UNDERGROUND

Fills to Be Made and Forms Built for Concrete Arches. Work to Be Pushed Along

Work of razing the old steel and wooden bridge over Bear river at Mitchell street is about completed and the bridge contractors, Whitney Brothers company, are erecting their concrete mixers and elevators, preparatory to construction of the large concrete arches. The last of the steel likely will be torn down today or tomorrow.

The last bit of the old steel arches left standing was a part of the center span, through which run the heavy electric light wires serving the northeast section of the city. These wires are to be changed to an underground system within a day or two and the last bit of steel then can be wrecked.

The heavy concrete supporting form on the west end of the bridge was dynamited yesterday and is today being blown into small bits. It will then be carted away or used on the large fill.

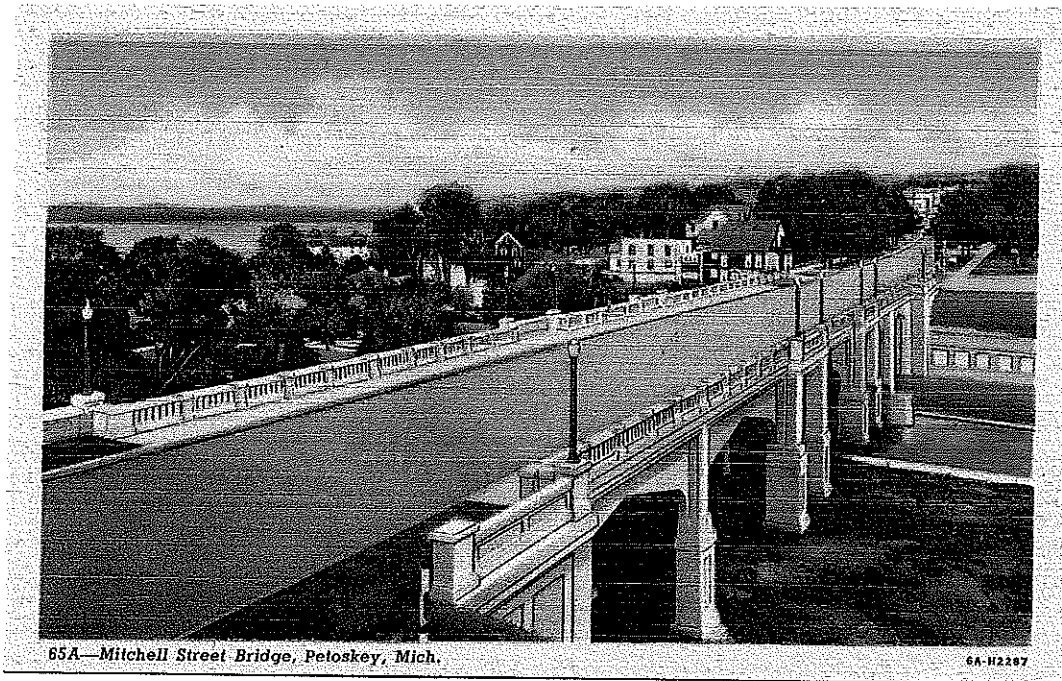
The pieces of steel taken from the bridge are to be used to support the forms for the large arches, it is said. Once the old bridge is torn down quite a few men likely will be put at work preparing for the concrete work. There will be considerable fill work at the west end of the bridge and forms must be constructed for the archways.

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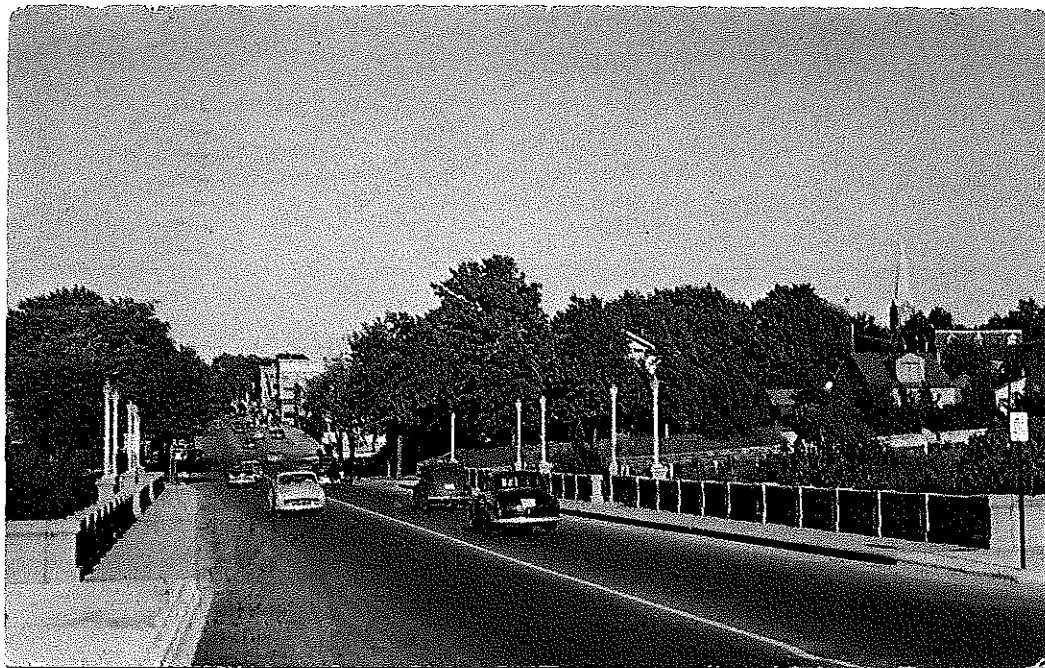
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Tuesday, December 23, 1930

—Still more machinery and material for the new Mitchell street bridge arrived yesterday and were switched to sidings near the scene of operations. About a dozen or so men were at work yesterday, most of them members of the Whitney Brothers company regular crew of engineers, and other trained workers. First effort is being centered on the task of razing the old bridge.

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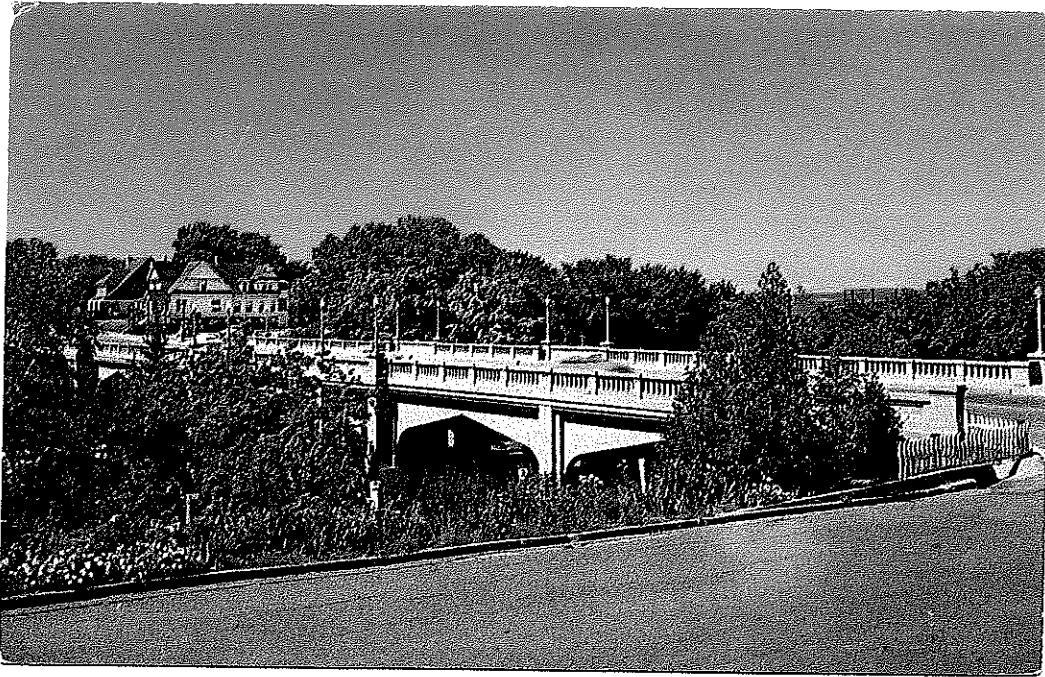


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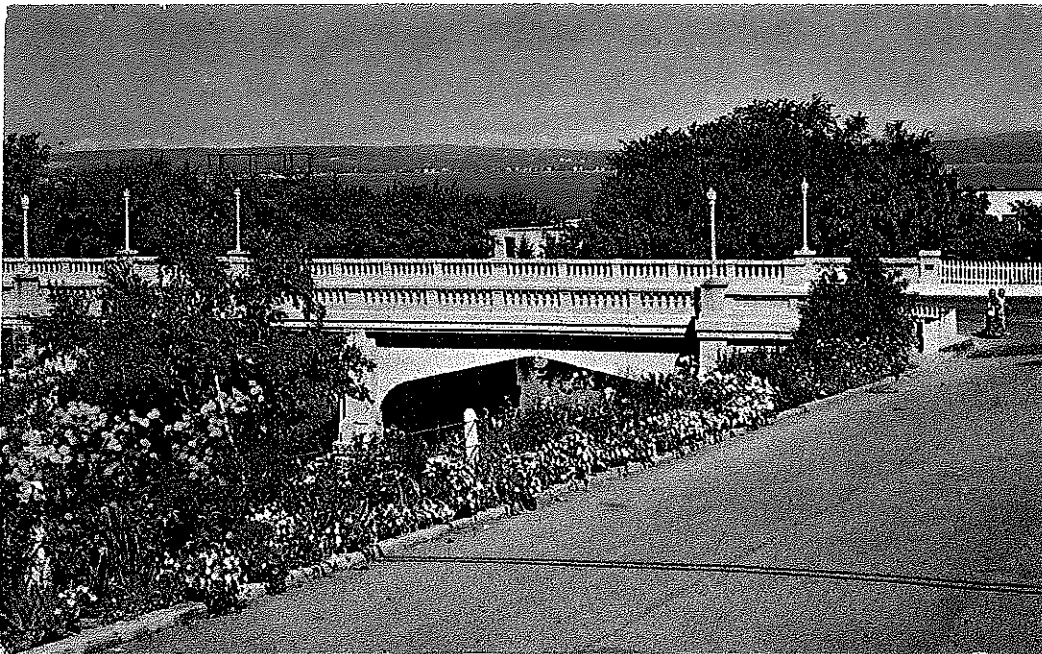
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Bridge looking East, toward Petoskey's excellent Shopping District.

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Looking North, with Little Traverse Bay and Harbor Springs in the distance