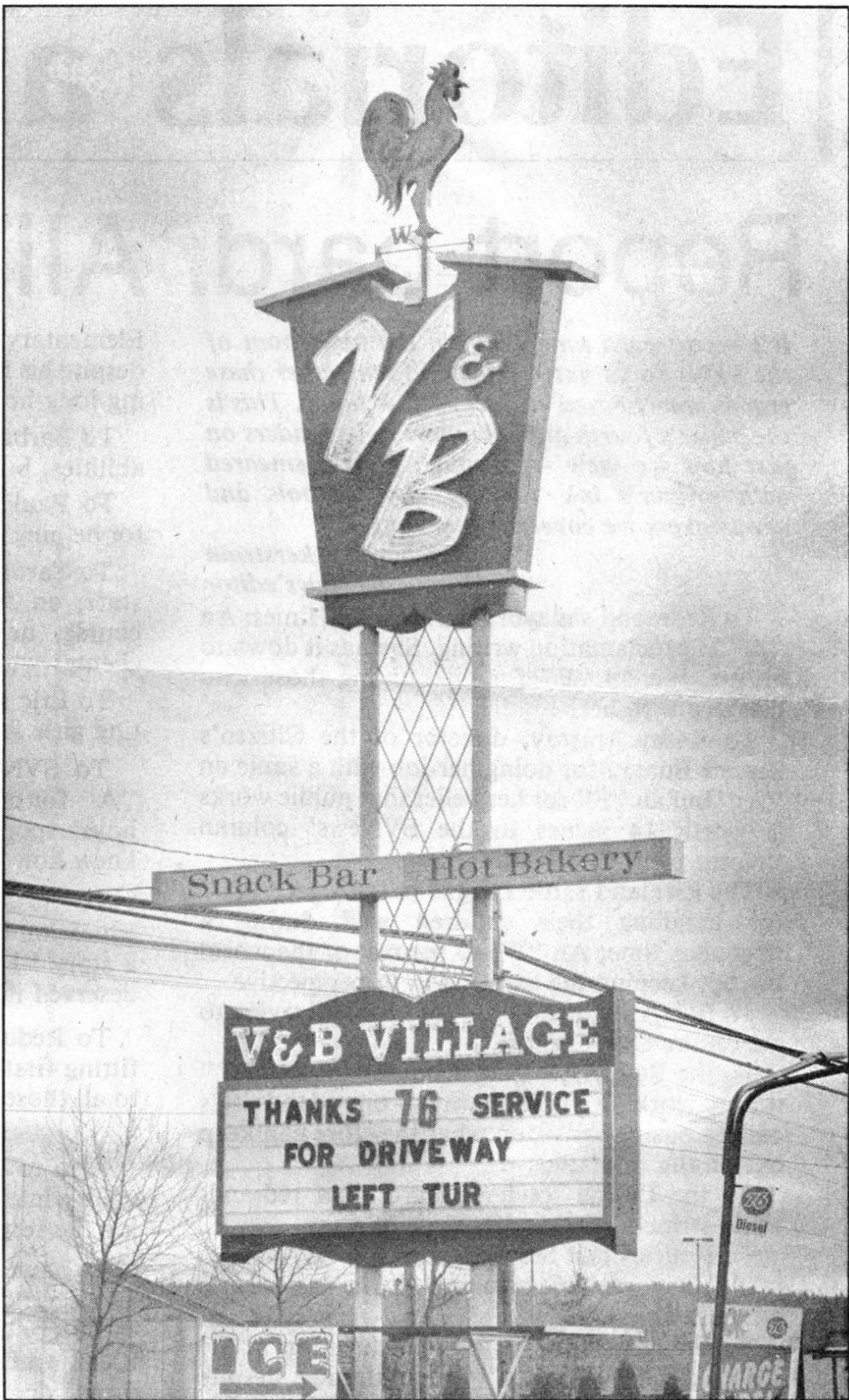




Rooster

Lower Commons



**New roads don't always help business. V&B Foods on Redmond Way chose a readerboard to give an oblique message to the city on their displeasure with the access allowed by new street construction.**

## Metal Rooster Sculpture in Lower Commons Park

This metal “weather vane” sculpture was originally created as an icon sited at the front of the Vinje (Frederick T. Vinje) and Berg (Walter Martin Berg) Grocery Store (V&B Supermarket in the Shoprite Group) in downtown Redmond where the present Value Village is now located. Residents on the now existing Sammamish Plateau depended on buying supplies from this store. Fred T. Vinje and Walter M. Berg partnered to provide this service. Sammamish’s Sween Family (Sween Poultry Farm) were frequent customers. With the sale of the store, Faye Turner Sween (1916-2012) married to William Harold Sween (1913-2000) requested that this metal sculpture be given to the Sween Family who would place this icon on the end of the driveway to their personal Sammamish residence located near the Lower Sammamish Commons Park. This Sween request and subsequent Sammamish relocation to the Lower Commons Park directly behind the Sammamish Community Gardens very appropriately represents the significant poultry industry on the Sammamish Plateau during the early and mid-1900’s.

