It took over two decades for Ann Arbor to buy the former junkyard on Summit Street and it's taken a year already for nothing to be done about cleaning up the site. But the cans, concrete, tires and other debris littering the site, shown here, should be removed by next month when demolition and site cleaning are scheduled. The site was purchased for a Summit Street park. Work on the park itself is scheduled to begin later this summer, with a completion date of either late fall or next spring. Included in the $747,000 park project is permanent closing of a portion of Summit Street, which will likely occur this month. The park itself will include game courses, a roller skating rink, fountain, pathways and lighting. (News Photo by Jack Stubbs)
Funds Granted For Removal Of Junkyard

Efforts of persons in the north-central section of the city to rid that area of Lansky's junkyard on Summit St. were close to reality today with the announcement that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has approved federal funds for this purpose.

The fight to move Lansky's junkyard has continued for many years. U.S. Rep. Marvin L. Esch, R-Ann Arbor, announced today the approval of the HUD grants which total $160,236. The city will match this amount.

The first grant is for $52,386 and this will be applied to the purchase of the Lansky property. City officials have arranged to have the junkyard moved to a location at the southeast end of the sanitary landfill site on Platt Rd. at I-94.

Another grant totaling $107,850 will enable the city to purchase land for the extension of open space and parkland from the Summit St. playground-Lansky area all the way to the Huron River.