OFFICIAL DIRECTORY
1953 - 1954

Macomb County, Michigan
Compiled by
Albert A. Wagner
County Clerk
To the Citizens of Macomb County:

In offering this booklet to the public, it is intended primarily to acquaint all citizens, young and old, with the officials and offices charged with conducting the affairs of government from national to the township and village level.

In addition, we are proud to offer something more. Appended is a condensed History of Macomb County (prepared gratis as a public service) which should prove both instructive to the student and inspiring to the adult citizen who takes pride in our service.

May we express our thanks for the historical sketch, and also for the assistance of many cooperative officials who helped to make this booklet so complete.

ALBERT A. WAGNER
County Clerk
STATE OFFICERS

GOVERNOR
G. Mennen Williams .................................. Lansing

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
Clarence A. Reid ........................................... Lansing

SECRETARY OF STATE
Owen J. Cleary .............................................. Lansing

ATTORNEY GENERAL
Frank G. Millard ........................................... Lansing

STATE TREASURER
D. Hale Brake ............................................... Lansing

AUDITOR GENERAL
John B. Martin, Jr. ......................................... Lansing

SUPT. of PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
Clair L. Taylor ............................................... Lansing

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER
Charles M. Ziegler .......................................... Lansing

UNITED STATES SENATORS
Homer Ferguson ............................................. Detroit
Charles E. Potter .......................................... Cheboygan

REPRESENTATIVE, Seventh Dist.
Jesse P. Wolcott ............................................ Port Huron

STATE SENATOR, Eleventh Dist.
Frank D. Beadle ............................................. St. Clair

REPRESENTATIVES in STATE LEGISLATURE

First District
Howard R. Carroll ........................................ Mount Clemens

Second District
William Romano ............................................ Van Dyke
CIRCUIT COURT OFFICERS

16th Judicial Circuit

Alton H. Noe .................. Circuit Judge
James E. Spier ................ Circuit Judge
Albert A. Wagner ............. Clerk of Circuit Court
Dorothy Rosso ................ Chief Deputy Clerk
Elmore E. Lester ............. Assignment Clerk
Betty Cron ..................... Court Clerk
Catherine Irwin ............. Court Clerk
Fred Nicholson ............. Prosecuting Attorney
Wendell Lichtenfelt ........ Chief Ass's Prosecutor
Wilfred A. Dupries ....... Ass't Prosecuting Attorney
Robt. G. Edmondson .... Ass't Prosecuting Attorney
Bruce L. Monks ............. Ass't Prosecuting Attorney
William V. Wendt .... Ass't Prosecuting Attorney
Paul S. Hirt ................. Civil Counsel
Lorraine Nicholson .......... Court Reporter
Bertha Daubendick ......... Court Reporter
Harley Ensign .............. Sheriff
Clarence Shirey ............. Court Officer
Edward J. Harder ........... Court Officer
Guy L. Brown, Jr. .......... Probation Officer
Marybelle Baker ........... Friend of the Court
Wm. H. Nunneley .......... Circuit Court Comm'r
J. Russell LaBarge ....... Circuit Court Comm'r

COUNTY OFFICERS

Circuit Judge .................. Alton H. Noe
Circuit Judge .................. James E. Spier
Probate Judge ................. Joseph V. Trombly
County Clerk ................ Albert A. Wagner
Prosecuting Attorney .......... Fred Nicholson
Sheriff ......................... Harley Ensign
County Treasurer ............. Lynn Whalen
Register of Deeds ............. Aaron Burr
Drain Commissioner .......... Frank Lohr
Coroner ....................... Raymond G. Markle, D.O.
Coroner ....................... Clifford H. Read
Circuit Court Comm'r .......... Wm. H. Nunneley
Circuit Court Comm'r .......... J. Russell LaBarge
County Controller ............. Sherwood J. Bennett
Probation Officer .......... Guy L. Brown, Jr.
Asst. Probation Officer ...... Harry L. Haller
County Health Director ... Oscar D. Stryker, M.D.
County Sanitary Engineer . Merlin A. Damon
Co. Supervisor of Nursing . Marie Presley, R.N.
County Agent ................ Martin H. Walkenhorst
Co. Agriculture Agent ...... Wm. Murphy
Commissioner of Schools .... Harold Lefevre
County Dog Warden .......... Werner Thurman
Juvenile Registrar .......... John H. Ahrens
County Librarian .......... Dorothy Hiatt
Friend of the Court .......... Marybelle Baker

TERMS OF CIRCUIT COURT

Second Monday in January, April, June, August and October.
SUPERVISORS

FLOYD W. ROSSO ..................... Chairman
GROVER POWELL .................. Vice-Chairman
ALBERT A. WAGNER ................ Clerk

Armada Township ..................... W. A. Toles
Bruce Township ..................... John M. Bailey
Chesterfield Township ............. Keith Bovenschen
Clinton Township .................... Paul Stepnitz
Erin Township ...................... Frank Biehl
Harrison Township ................. Floyd W. Rosso
Lake Township ..................... Theodore A. McGraw
Lenox Township ..................... Frank Lemmon
Macomb Township ................... Paul Bock
Ray Township ....................... J. Nellis Clark
Richmond Township ................. Omar Henderson
Shelby Township .................... Fred LaGodna
Sterling Township .................. Arthur Priehs
Warren Township ................... Arthur J. Miller
Washington Township ............... Grover J. Powell
City of Mount Clemens . Philip T. Mulligan, M.D.
Harold Lindsey
Hugh H. Neale
Paul Hogue
Lawrence Oehmke
City of East Detroit ............... Carl Weymouth
Charles Beaubien
Bert Leidecker
Joseph Girard
Esley J. Rausch
Kenneth W. Hill
City of New Baltimore ................ B. A. Kalahar
Alex Schoenherr
Ewald Wilke
Wilbert F. Lundy

SUPERVISORS (Cont.)

City of St. Clair Shores .... Adrian Lingemann
Hugh R. Dodge
Ernest McCollom
Milton Sicklsteel
John Yoe

City of Utica ...................... Howard Crissman
Robert Havel

MACOMB COUNTY BOARD of SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEES FOR 1953-1954

CHAIRMAN—Floyd W. Rosso
VICE-CHAIRMAN—Grover Powell
CLERK—Albert A. Wagner
ATTOORNEYS-Paul Hirt

AGRICULTURE—Lemmon, Henderson, Powell,
LaGodna, Priehs, Toles, Schoenherr, Bock,
Clark, Crissman

APPORTIONMENT—Kalahar, Henderson, Step-
nitz, Bock, Lindsey, Leidecker, Wilke, Bovens-
schen, Havel

APPROPRIATIONS—Clark, Dodge, LaGodna,
Priehs, Bock, Lindsey, Leidecker, Wilke,
Bovenschen, Havel

BUDGET—Powell, Stepnitz, Lemmon, Hill,
Hogue, Miller, Biehl, Beaubien, Lundy,
Sicklesteel

BUILDING—Henderson, Biehl, LaGodna, Lem-
mon, Shorkey, Hogue, Weymouth, Lundy,
Mulligan, Crissman, Bovenschen

DOG—Priehs, Stepnitz, Shorkey Weymouth,
Toles, Bock, Bailey, Clark, Wilke, Mulligan.

DRAIN—Schoenherr, Henderson, Biehl, Beau-
bien, Miller, Bailey, Mulligan, McCollom,
Bovenschen
COMMITTEES

EQUALIZATION—Lindsey, Powell, Hill, Beaubien, Biehl, Lemmon, Miller, Lingemann, Lundy, Havel
FINANCE—Biehl, Beaubien, LaGodna, Powell, Stepnitz, Oehmke, Miller, Clark, Schoenherr, Dodge
INDUSTRIAL & PUBLIC RELATIONS—Kalahar, Lemmon, Neale, Shorkey, Hogue, Miller, Crissman, Dodge, Rausch
LEGISLATION—Weymouth, Neale, Hill, LaGodna, Biehl, Powell, Schoenherr, Hogue, Yoe, Girard
REJECTED TAX—Stepnitz, Priehs, Henderson, Hogue, Lundy, Leidecker, Sicklesteel, Havel
RESOLUTIONS—Neale, Hill, Kalahar, Powell, Stepnitz, Weymouth, Bailey, McGraw, Yoe
ROADS—LaGodna, Lemmon, Beaubien, Henderson, Toles, Stepnitz, Shorkey, Oehmke, Miller, McCollum, Bovenschen
RADIO—Beaubien, Lemmon, Biehl, Hill, Schoenherr, Miller, Oehmke, Dodge
SHERIFF—Hogue, Hill, Henderson, Schoenherr, Toles, Miller, Oehmke, Crissman, Dodge, Bovenschen, Girard
TOWNSHIP TAX—LaGodna, Powell, Priehs, Henderson, Bock, Shorkey, Wilke, McGraw, Bovenschen
WELFARE—Henderson, Hill, LaGodna, Biehl, Lindsey, Beaubien, Kalahar, Miller, Lingemann
TREASURER—Toles, Powell, Priehs, Biehl, Kalahar, Hogue, Bailey, Leidecker, McCollum, Havel
JUDICIARY—Hill, Neale, Toles, Kalahar, Weymouth, Clark, Yoe, Girard
DEFENSE—Lindsey, Kalahar, Miller, Lingemann, Sisklesteel, Rausch

REGISTER OF DEEDS—Lingemann, Oehmke, Clark, Bailey
CO-ORIGINATING ZONING—Miller, Powell, Lindsey
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS—Beaubien
NOTE: The first name on above committees is the respective chairman thereof, and in the absence thereof the second man acts, and likewise in the absence of the first two, the third man acts.

MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS
Harold Donaldson Mt. Clemens
Louis Luchtman Washington
Leslie Baumgartner Roseville
Albert A. Wagner Mt. Clemens

COUNTY TAX ALLOCATION BOARD
William H. Nunneley, Chairman Mt. Clemens
Harold LeFevre East Detroit
Lynn Whalen Roseville
Carolyn Born St. Clair Shores
Frank Biehl Roseville
Arthur J. Miller Warren
Thos. H. Scott, Statistician Mt. Clemens
Albert A. Wagner, Clerk Mt. Clemens

SOCIAL WELFARE COMMISSION
Edw. J. Gallagher Chairman Mt. Clemens
Lyle E. Rosso Vice-Chairman
Isaac A. Hartung Secretary

ELECTION COMMISSIONERS
Joseph V. Trombley Probate Judge
Lynn Whalen County Treasurer
Albert A. Wagner County Clerk
PLAT BOARD
Aaron Burr ....................... Register of Deeds
Lynn Whalen .................... County Treasurer
Albert A. Wagner ................. County Clerk
Frank Lohr ....................... Drain Commissioner

JURY COMMISSIONERS
Ben Duengel ...................... Richmond
Mrs. Pauline Rice ............... East Detroit
Calvin Godley ..................... Van Dyke
Harvey C. Whetzel .............. Mt. Clemens
Orby Sweet ....................... Utica
Grace Jones .............. R. 3, Mt. Clemens
Albert A. Wagner .............. Secretary

NATURALIZATION
Final Hearings of Petitions on 4th Thursday of January, June and November.

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Oscar D. Stryker, M.D. .......... Director
Merlin A. Damon ............... Sanitary Engineer
Marie Presley, R.N. ......... Supervisor of Nursing
Howard Rosso ..................... Business Mgr.

MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Kenneth W. Hill ................. New Baltimore
Frank Biehl ...................... Roseville
Grover J. Powell .............. Washington
William Strich .................. Van Dyke
Lyle Rosso ..................... Mt. Clemens

CONCEALED WEAPONS LICENSING BOARD
Fred Nicholson ................ Prosecuting Attorney
Harley Ensign .................. Sheriff
Sgt. James VanLandegend, Michigan State Police
Albert A. Wagner, County Clerk

MACOMB COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
Kenneth W. Hill, President ...... New Baltimore
Floyd W. Rosso ................... Mt. Clemens
Allen Rush ....................... Romeo
Glenn Peters ..................... Mt. Clemens
Fred MacArthur ................ Mt. Clemens

MACOMB COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
B. A. Kalahar, Chairman ......... Center Line
Paul Cousino ..................... Warren
Omar Henderson .................. Memphis
Marjorie Montgomery .......... Armada
Harold LeFevre .................. East Detroit

EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION
Harry Schwaberow ............ Mt. Clemens
Harry Cahill ..................... Mt. Clemens
Guy L. Brown ..................... Mt. Clemens
Floyd W. Rosso ................. Mt. Clemens
Frank Biehl ...................... Roseville
Grover Powell .................... Washington

COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
Roy Connor ...................... Chairman
Karl O. Brink .................... Engineer
Wm. Malow ...................... Commissioner
Alfred Foerster .................. Commissioner
Thomas A. Babcock ................ Secretary

COUNTY EVALUATION
1950 - $186,161,488.00
1951 - $210,772,713.00
1952 - $287,558,286.00
OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
MOUNT CLEMENS
1953-1954

Mayor ......................... Dr. Philip T. Mulligan
Commissioner of Streets and
Public Property .............. Ray Brandenburg
Commissioner of Finance ........ Paul G. Hogue
Commissioner of Public
Safety ........................ Lawrence Oehmke
Commissioner of Water Works
and Sewers .................... Spencer Fenton
City Clerk ..................... Frederick Soule
Deputy City Clerk ............ Harold Lindsey
City Treasurer ............... Helen E. Miller
City Assessor and Welfare
Director ........................ Harold Lindsey
City Attorney ................ Hugh H. Neale
City Engineer ............... E. L. Pettingill
Supt. of Water Works and
Sewers ........................ Harry McEntee
Supt. of Filtration ........... Robert E. Hansen
Chief of Police .............. Harvey Hammond
Chief of Fire Department .... Clayton Dubay
Health Officer .............. Dr. W. J. Kane
Supt. of Streets and Parks ... Henry Bruneel
Director of Recreation ....... William Nowak
Electrical Inspector .......... Clyde B. Gass
Plumbing Inspector .......... Joseph H. Miller
Board of Review ............. Guy H. Verkler
Byron Stuck
John Schelling

Municipal Judge .............. Donald J. Parent
Associate Municipal Judge ... Frank E. Jeannette
Constable ...................... Mrs. Kathryn Miller
Dog Warden ................... Thomas Martin

OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
EAST DETROIT
1953-1954

Mayor .......................... James E. Anderson
City Manager .................. Charles H. Beaubien
City Clerk ..................... Charles H. Beaubien
City Treasurer ................ Esley J. Rausch
City Assessor .................. Charles H. Beaubien
City Attorney ................. Carl Weymouth
Police Chief ................... Lyman Eckhardt
Public Works Supt. ........... Charles Paternoster
Electrical Inspector .......... Robert J. Kern
Plumbing Inspector .......... Ralph Ureel
Building Inspector .......... Paul F. Linenger
Health Office ................ Dr. Oscar Stryker
Fire Chief ..................... August Zado
Constable ........................ Henry C. Hauss
Constable ...................... Rudolph Hauss
Justice of the Peace .......... John McPherson
Justice of the Peace .......... Harold Heins
Supervisors ................... Charles H. Beaubien
Carl Weymouth
Esley J. Rausch
Bert Leidecker
Joseph Girard

Councilmen ................... William J. Hudson
Beulah Kanten
George S. Stone Sr.
Joseph Wendt

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OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF CENTER LINE
1953-1954

Mayor ........................................ James L. Eisele
Councilmen .................................. Alex M. Schoenherr
                                            Andrew J. Mehall
                                            Paul J. Elwart
                                            Wm. A. Sante
Clerk ........................................ Wm. Steinhaus
Treasurer .................................... Wm. Steinhaus
Assessor ..................................... Wilbert F. Lundy
Supervisors ................................ Wilbert F. Lundy
                                            Alex M. Schoenherr
                                            Ewald Wilke
                                            B. A. Kalahar
Police Chief ............................... Dennis R. Frazier
Fire Chief ................................... Nelson Bruechert
Justice ...................................... Raymond R. Grubba
Recreation Director ....................... Tom Pounder
Supt. of DPW & Water Dept. ........ Wm. Steinhaus

OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF NEW BALTIMORE
1953-1954

Mayor ........................................ Arthur P. Shorkey
City Clerk .................................. Grace C. Balfour
City Treasurer ............................. Irvin Fritz
City Assessor ................................ Frank J. Smith
City Superintendent ...................... Andrew Meldrum
Chief of Police ............................ Lloyd A. Rivard
Water Commissioner ...................... Karl Schwanbeck
City Attorney .............................. Kenneth Hill
Filtration Operator ....................... Karl Schwanbeck

NEW BALTIMORE (Cont.)

Fire Chief .................................. Lloyd Reck
Justice of the Peace ...................... Howard M. Clapp
Justice of the Peace ...................... John Marsh
Constable .................................. William Locke
Councilmen ............................... Carl Berk
                                            Charles Ackley
                                            Leo Niebauer
                                            Herman Staffhorst
                                            Vernor Allard
                                            Earl Clowes

OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF ST. CLAIR SHORES
1953-1954

Mayor ........................................ Thomas S. Welsh
Councilmen ................................. Hugh R. Dodge
                                            J. Gerald Wetzel
                                            Yale McIntyre
                                            Frank R. Maison
                                            Douglas Taylor
                                            Milton E. Sicklesteel
City Manager .............................. J. D. Baughman
City Clerk .................................. Donald J. Harm
City Assessor ................................ Adrian A. Lingemann
City Attorney ............................. John H. Yoe
City Engineer .............................. George Koopman
Police Chief .............................. Harvey E. Champine
Fire Chief .................................. Phillip A. Eckhout
D.P.W. Superintendent ................. Edward Kurtzhals
OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
UTICA
1953-1954

Mayor ......................... Howard G. Crissman
Clerk .......................... Edward W. Havel
Treasurer ........................ Dora M. Hahn
Assessor ......................... Robert C. Havel
Supervisors ...................... Howard G. Crissman
                                     Robert C. Havel
Justice of the Peace .............. E. Jim McClellan
Chief of Police ................... Hazen S. Anderson
Fire Chief ........................ Edward Stadler
Health Officer ................... D. Bruce Wiley M.D.
City Attorney ........................ George F. Roberts
City Planning Chairman .... Dr. Lee R. Edmonds
Waterworks and Sewer Supt. .... Frank Gibbing
Street Commissioner ............. Verle Buckley
City Commission Members .... Donald R. Havel
                                     Dr. Lee R. Edmonds
                                     Herman Bohlman
                                     Walter A. Kiebusch
                                     George Albrecht
                                     Kenneth Mohritz

TOWNSHIP OFFICERS

ARMADA
Supervisor—W. A. Toles .................. Armada
Clerk—Raymond O. Schnell ............. Armada
Treasurer—Carl Plauman ................. Armada
Justices of the Peace
Orvy Hulet, Sr. .......................... Armada
Edmund Durst .......................... Armada
Wm. M. Rice .......................... Armada

BRUCE
Supervisor—John M. Bailey .............. Romeo
Clerk—Conrad Turrell ................... Romeo
Treasurer—Hazel Kohlhagen .............. Romeo
Justices of the Peace
Wilbert G. Donaldson .................... Romeo
Albert E. Newman ...................... Romeo
Francis A. Castellucci .................. Romeo

CHESTERFIELD
Supervisor—Keith Bouenschen .............. R. 1, New Baltimore
Clerk—Leo Blakely ................. R. 1, New Baltimore
Treasurer—Carl A. Brandenburg .......... R. 3, Mt. Clemens
Justices of the Peace
Clarence W. Friday ................. R. 1, New Baltimore
George C. Haase .................. R. 3, Mt. Clemens
Ray H. Callens .................. Mt. Clemens

CLINTON
Supervisor—Paul Stepnitz .... R. 1, Mt. Clemens
Clerk—Elmore Lester ................. R. 7, Mt. Clemens
Treasurer—Arthur C. Leitz .... R. 1, Mt. Clemens
Justices of the Peace
Earl Buss .......................... Fraser
Kenneth N. Sanborn .............. R. 7, Mt. Clemens
Frank G. Giambrone .............. Mt. Clemens
LENNOX (Cont.)

ERIN

Supervisor—Frank Biehl  Roseville
Clerk—Darius Kennedy  Roseville
Treasurer—Joseph E. Riesterer  Roseville

Justices of the Peace
Roy F. Diesing  Roseville
Walker F. Thornton  Roseville
Woldemar H. Nikkel  Roseville
John T. Bowman  Roseville

HARRISON

Supervisor—Floyd W. Rosso  R. 6, Box 660, Mt. Clemens
Clerk—Ralph Beaufait  R. 3, Mt. Clemens
Treasurer—William Tegeder  R. 4, Mt. Clemens

Justices of the Peace
Frank Lawson  R. 4, Mt. Clemens
Carl H. Jobse  R. 3, Mt. Clemens
Emil Beuschlein  R. 6, Mt. Clemens

LAKE

Supervisor—Theodore A. McGraw  St. Clair Shores
Clerk—Thomas E. Loughlin  St. Clair Shores
Treasurer—Arthur W. Fauser  St. Clair Shores

Justices of the Peace
Mary Alice Fauser  St. Clair Shores
Ethel Loughlin  St. Clair Shores

LENNOX

Supervisor—Frank Lemmon  New Haven
Clerk—G. A. Schultz  Lenox
Treasurer—Ed F. Beier  Lenox

Justices of the Peace
William Schultz  Richmond

LENOX

Leroy Liebzeit  New Haven
Chris Schulz  New Haven

MACOMB

Supervisor—Paul Bock  R. 2, Mt. Clemens
Clerk—Edgar Beyerlein  R. 2, Mt. Clemens
Treasurer—Theodore Leyer  R. 1, Utica

Justices of the Peace
John F. Miller  R. 2, Mt. Clemens
Arthur Kleino  R. 2, Mt. Clemens
Lester Smith  R. 2, Mt. Clemens

RAY

Supervisor—J. Nellis Clark  Romeo
Clerk—Fred L. Diener  Washington
Treasurer—Harrit Smith  Romeo

Justices of the Peace
Orville Tewksbury  R. 1, Washington
Albert Steinbrink  New Haven
Charles A. Myers  Washington

RICHMOND

Supervisor—Omar C. Henderson  Memphis
Clerk—Frank C. Puls  Richmond
Treasurer—John T. Joseph  Richmond

Justices of the Peace
Harold N. Weller  Richmond
A. J. Pearsall  Memphis

SHELBY

Supervisor—Fred LaGodna  R. 3, Utica
Clerk—Chester A. Yenny  R. 3, Utica
SHELBY (Cont.)
Treasurer—D. G. Helfrich .......... Rochester
Justices of the Peace
    Julius C. Kirschbaum .......... R. 3, Utica
    Robert N. Smiley ............. Rt. 3, Utica

STERLING
Supervisor—Arthur Priehs .......... Fraser
Clerk—John Wright .............. Utica
Treasurer—Otto Maas .......... Utica
Justices of the Peace
    Henry Malburg .............. R. 1, Utica
    Thos. J. Shereda .......... R. 2, Utica
    Frank O'Donnell .......... Warren

WARREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Supervisor—Arthur J. Miller .......... Baseline
Clerk—Hildegarde M. Lowe .......... Van Dyke
Treasurer—William A. Shaw .......... Van Dyke
Justice of the Peace
    Frank Zagaiski .......... Van Dyke
Trustees
    John J. Dunn, Sr. .......... Center Line
    John Kelsey ............. Baseline
    Louis Kelsey ............. Baseline
    Frank Runey .......... Center Line

WASHINGTON
Supervisor—Grover J. Powell .......... Washington
Clerk—R. Eugene Inwood .......... Rome
Treasurer—Wm. M. Omin ......... Rome
Justices of the Peace
    Vernon J. Hosner .......... Rome
    P. G. Horler .......... Rome
    Roy H. Bauer .......... Rome

VILLAGE OFFICERS

ARMADA
President ................................ J. Aubrey Wood
Clerk .................................. Raymond Schnell
Treasurer ................................ Carl Plauman

FRASER
President ................................ Edgar A. Beck
Clerk .................................. Richard E. Nicolai
Treasurer ................................ G. Roland Stumpf

MEMPHIS
President ................................ Frank Haggerty
Clerk .................................. A. J. Pearsall
Treasurer ................................ Harold Fries

NEW HAVEN
President ................................ Walter W. Willert
Clerk .................................. A. J. Bennett
Treasurer ................................ Helen Adelaide Bates

RICHMOND
President ................................ Frank Puls
Clerk .................................. Karl N. Hirt
Treasurer ................................ Grace Ferguson

ROME0
President ................................ Geo. W. Bradley
Clerk .................................. Conrad Turrell
Treasurer ................................ Grace McKay

ROSEVILLE
President ................................ Glen Ailsip
Clerk .................................. Robert J. Nunn
Treasurer ................................ August H. Peters

WARREN
President ................................ George Pagels
Clerk .................................. William T. Holmes
Treasurer ................................ Raymond Lutz
History of Macomb County

By Desmond A. Arnsby
The Daily Monitor-Leader, Mount Clemens

The grim visages of Indians, and the rugged features of hardy pioneers gazing down in stony calm from the pinnacles of a million dollar Macomb County Building, symbolize 170 years of recorded history in this rich rural and urban area.

Once the happy hunting and fishing grounds of the Pottowattamies, the Ottawas, the Wyandottes and the Chippewas — and often their skirmishing place with the earliest settlers — the County of Macomb now belongs to the titans and workers of industry, the chieftains and clerks of business and those who wrest nature’s bounty from the soil.

Co-owners are the more than 227,000 people who call it home: old and new Americans who enjoy Macomb County’s living, culture, education, and recreation.

But long before Indians, pioneers or moderns existed, Macomb County was a part of the basin of glacial lakes which were the fore-runners of the Great Lakes.

In this glacial period, the Mount Clemens of today was several hundred feet under water, possibly to a point halfway up the present County Building.

All but the northwest portion of Macomb County was a glacial lake, or a succession of gradually receding lakes that have left their record clear for geologists to read.

Romeo was the highest point of land. It doubtless emerged to face the silent, glacial world uncounted thousands of years before such places as St. Clair Shores, Roseville, East Detroit and Center Line were uncovered.

The gradual disappearance of the glaciers left their imprint in deep grooves which, until flood and erosion of recent years practically obliterated them, could still be “read” by experts along the banks of the Clinton River and in other places.

On their slow, grinding ascent to the lower areas that are now our lakes, these icy masses gouged out the clays of the glacial drifts, leaving still-evident ridges whose names have been applied to roads and landmarks.

They left for posterity a partly-flat and partly-undulating terrain, much of it clay on bed rock, surmounted by successive and deep deposits of gravel and sand formations. The West Utica area is a typical example of such deposits.

As the glacial water runoff increased, the varying stages of the level of the lake (St. Clair) left a series of beaches which have been catalogued by geologists.

The earliest discovered lake levels, characterized by distinct stages of gravel, coarse sand and fine sand, and extending well out from the lakeshore, were those of Lakes Whittlessey and Warren. Later, and closer to the present shoreline, were Lakes Elkton and Algonquin.

These latter lakes receded at Mount Clemens between the river and the lake to the east.

Lake Elkton left its beach marks along the east side of Gratiot Avenue in Mount Clemens — a sharp incline still evident from Gratiot to the river banks.

Lake Algonquin’s ancient sands may be found in Harrison and Clinton Townships, east and south of Harper and Crocker.

Today, only the geologists can interpret this
primeval story in the places civilization has left undisturbed by bulldozers and uncovered by concrete.

For the purpose of the record it might be well to summarize the evolution of Macomb County from territorial days to the present:

When Wayne County was established as a county in Michigan Territory in 1815, it included all that part of Michigan to which the Indian title had been extinguished including our present Macomb County. Prior to that time (in 1805), the territorial government had been organized in Detroit under Gen. William Hull, the first governor, and it was he whose signature in 1807 voided Indian land titles.

By proclamation of Gov. Lewis Cass, on Jan. 15, 1818, all land ceded to the United States by the several Indian tribes from Maumee to White Rock was formed into the County of Macomb (See Terr. Laws Vol 2, Page 796).

William Brown, Henry J. Hunt and Conrad V. Ten Eyck were named commissioners to ascertain the most eligible site for the seat of justice. On March 11, 1818, they designated Mount Clemens, then on the Huron River, as the county seat. (Terr. Laws Vol 3 Page 24)

On May 4, 1818, $400 was appropriated by the territorial legislature to aid in the erection of a courthouse and jail, which like other structures in the settlement, was a log building. (Terr. Laws Vol 2, Page 129)

Macomb County was the third county organized in Michigan: Wayne being organized in 1796 and Monroe in 1817.

Contradicting nature's routines, Macomb County started life as a veritable giant.

In 1818, at the time of its organization, Macomb County occupied the space now taken by the whole of Livingston, Oakland, St. Clair and Lapeer Counties (and of course, the whole of Macomb) and most of Sanilac, Shiawassee, Genesee and Ingham Counties, and small part of Huron, Tuscola and Saginaw Counties, as we know them today.

By an executive proclamation made April 8, 1818, a month after the county seat was established, Gov. Cass divided this huge "county" into two townships. (Terr. Laws Vol 2, Page 797)

All of Macomb County which lay north of a line drawn due west from the mouth of Swan Creek was called St. Clair Township, and the land south of this line was called Huron Township.

On Aug. 12, 1818, the Township of Harrison was formed from territory within the Township of Huron (Terr. Laws Vol 2, Page 797), the new Harrison area being roughly the space, size and location of what we now call Macomb County. (It might be said that Macomb was first called Harrison.)

It was on Jan. 12, 1819 that the tremendous area of Macomb County was first lessened by the laying out of Oakland County. This was proclaimed in 1819, but did not take effect until Jan. 1, 1823. (Terr. Laws Vol 2, Page 798-9)

Perry Township was organized also on Jan. 12, 1819 (same reference) out of the Lapeer-Genesee area of Macomb. On March 28, 1820, St. Clair County was formed. (Terr. Laws Vol 2, Page 200) and with this subtraction from the once huge territory, Macomb County was reduced to the smallest extent in its history.

Two years later, Sept. 10, 1822, Gov. Cass by proclamation re-established the boundaries of Macomb County, adding small amounts of territory at various points.
On July 17, 1824, the name of the Huron River was changed to the Clinton and in the same year, Huron Township, occupying extensively the district now often called "South Macomb" was changed to Clinton Township.

On April 12, 1827, a Legislative Act was passed dividing Macomb County into five townships: Harrison, Clinton, Shelby, Washington and Ray. (Terr, Laws Vol. 2, Pages 478-9)

In 1832 Ray Township was greatly enlarged to the east, embracing an area later to become Macomb, Richmond and Lenox Townships — the section covered by the latter three (prior to 1832) being part of St. Clair County.

On March 9, 1833, the northern half of Washington Township was formed into a new township named Bruce. (Terr. Laws Vol. 3, Page 983)

On April 22, 1833, the northern part of Ray Township was formed into Armada Township, or "Armadia" as most of the early map-makers and writers termed it. (Terr. Laws Vol. 3, Page 1, 124).

On March 1, 1834, Macomb Township was organized out of part of Clinton and Harrison. Ray Township was enlarged from its base line eastward to the whole upper part of Harrison Township (which took in all of what is now Lenox Township). (Terr. Laws Vol. 3, Page 1, 275).

On March 11, 1835, the lower part of Shelby Township was formed into a new Township called Jefferson, where Sterling Township lies today. (Terr. Laws Vol. 3, Page 1, 308).

By an act passed March 11, 1837, Hickory and Orange Townships were formed in the lower section of Clinton Township, which until Jefferson was formed was actually the original "South Macomb." (Laws of Michigan, 1837, Page 41).

The Township of Lenox was formed from the east part of Ray Township on March 20, 1837. (Laws of Michigan 1837, Page 140).

The village of Mount Clemens enjoyed the vague distinction of being incorporated twice. The first time, March 13, 1837 (Laws of Michigan, 1837, Page 61), was considered effective until some years later legal error was discovered in the proceedings. The community was then properly incorporated on April 4, 1851.

On March 6, 1838 legislative acts created the Township of Richmond from the east portion of Armada Township, and also changed the name of Jefferson to Sterling Township. (Laws of Michigan, 1838, Pages 78 and 83).

An act of April 2, 1838, removed some territory from Orange (Erin & Lake) and added it to Hickory (Warren Township), and also changed the name of Hickory to Aba Township. (Laws of Michigan, 1837-8, Page 158).

In 1840 came the historic debate in the Legislature concerning the rivalry of Romeo for Mount Clemens' county seat; a move that left the situation unchanged. Utica also contended for the county seat. It was also in 1840, following the debates, that a new courthouse was voted for Mount Clemens to replace the log structure which formerly existed. (The county seat dispute continued intermittently up to 1879).

By an act approved March 26, 1839, the name Aba Township (only one year old) was changed to Warren. And on Feb. 26, 1842, Macomb Township was divided into two equal parts to form Macomb and Chesterfield Townships.

In 1842, Section 36 was taken from Warren Township and added to Orange Township. On March 9, 1843 (Laws of Michigan, 1843, Page 198), the name of Orange was changed to Erin — a defiant gesture demanded by South of Ireland settlers.
The last remaining straightening of township lines took place under authority of Act, 172, 1865 when Section 36 was detached from Erin and restored to Warren Township.

Thus — with the subsequent establishment of prospering villages and cities — we attain the Macomb County of today: 15 townships, eight villages, six cities and a dozen well-populated hamlets which are villages and cities in the making.

In the latter connection, the Village of Roseville, with close to 27,000 population within its corporate limits, is a typical example. Village officials predict it will become a city shortly.

The largest incorporation, that of St. Clair Shores during January, 1951, represents a thriving lakeshore city of almost 31,000 people where the original French hunters, fishermen and trappers established some 175 years ago.

But mere history as recorded in legislative acts is actually far from the true picture of Macomb County's historic past.

Even though the termination of the revolutionary war in 1783 established the English-American boundary line on the lake channel, English control continued in this area until 1796.

At that time, under Jay's treaty, Detroit and other outposts south and west of the lakes were formally surrendered to the American forces. So actually, it was 1796 before Macomb County became part of the United States.

It was about 1796 that there was projected into this half-Indian, half-French settlement on the Huron River the energy and civic-mindedness of a man, Christian Clemens — whose name is perpetuated in the county seat. A Detroiter, he undertook a surveying trip for Gov. Cass, and sizing up the slightly elevated townsit that is now a city, he later purchased large private claims and called the settlement Mount Clemens. He built the first house on the westerly side of what is today North Broadway.

From 1818 to 1826 Macomb County was governed by a board of commissioners. The Board of Supervisors did not come into existence until 1827. In 1837 the county returned to the commission system, but by 1842 it had again reverted to a supervisors' government.

The amount of governmental and legislative transactions covered by supervisors in those days may be gauged from the fact that the entire county proceedings from 1827 to 1837 required a book of only 55 pages written in longhand. (The minutes of one average meeting today, if written in longhand, would require this space.)

Meetings of the county board since the beginning have always been at the county seat in Mount Clemens; from log cabin to million-dollar County Building.

There was only one exception to this record. During the early 1930's — the depression era — while the new County Building was under construction, the county board met for more than a year in the basement community room of the Mount Clemens Savings Bank.

Mount Clemens underwent a vigorous stimulus in the middle 1830's (but one that bogged down in a state financial panic in the 1840's). The success of the Erie Canal; launching of the ill-fated Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal, and heavy Eastern settlement all contributed to put Mount Clemens on its economic feet. The community was platted and developed, with small businesses and industries being established in the downtown area as we know it.

In the 1850's attempts were made by local promoters to find oil in the black, ill-smelling waters that were often found by well-diggers.
But the oil promotions failed. Subsequently the flow was densely impregnated with salt, so promoters changed their plans and by evaporating the waters met with fair success in producing a low-grade salt.

The story has been told and re-told of an old, rheumatic horse, unfit for work, that wandered under one of the dripping, elevated salt tanks used in the process. The animal allowed the mineral water to saturate its hide, even rolling in the muddy puddles on the ground. Within a short time, old settlers recall, the nag was galloping around with a new lease on life.

Health-seeking residents timidly tried bathing in the waters, with excellent results. In 1875 a small bathhouse was built, and the rest of the story is history — a million-dollar industry that attracts patrons from every state and country.

About the same time as the mineral bath industry got under way to a humble start, the floral industry came into being, largely through the Breitmeyer family. Today, its valuation is in the millions of dollars, and a half-dozen greenhouses annually produce blooms in the tens of millions for shipment throughout the United States.

The heavier industries play a major role in Mount Clemens' productivity: the long-established Mount Clemens Pottery, Ironrite Ironer, Inc., and the Electromaster Division of Philco are the "Big Three" of a thriving family of manufacturing concerns.

But no record should be closed without particular mention of the growing might of South Macomb as an industrial giant, particularly Warren Township, once known by the rustic name of "Hickory." Warren Townships' industry now flourishing, reached its proudest height during World War II when it was termed "The Heart of the Arsenal of Democracy."

Two fully-equipped war plants estimated in value at $100,000,000 each were the major establishments, surrounded by a diadem of lesser, but no less vigorous factories. They produced a tremendous share of the weapons of war, and today most of them are forging the plowshares of peace, but ready, at an instant's notice, to speed arms and armaments to wherever America might need them.

Warren Township's original settlement of war plants has now broadened to a diversity of automotive and industrial factories which represent the hub of Detroit's production might.

Factory, store and residential expansion in South Macomb sent building permits to an all-time high of $60,000,000 in 1952, and the growth continues. Large tracts of land are at a premium.

In recent years so many production plants, large and small, have been erected in the Warren Township area that a complete list would be too lengthy for inclusion in this narrative. Some of these structures cost tens of millions of dollars.

Late in the spring of 1953 General Motors announced that its $100,000,000 science and engineering plant — the General Motors Center — at 12-Mile and Mound, Warren Township, would be augmented with an estimated $40,000,000 addition, making it the world's foremost automotive engineering center.

The "Hickory Township" of 1838, now Warren Township, today has an assessed valuation above $118,077,795.

The establishment of Selfridge Field, Mount Clemens, as the home of the First Pursuit Group of the Army Air Corps in 1917 was the beginning of a modern-day U.S. Air Force establish-
ment second to none in strategic importance. It is now the nation's leading military center for jet-propelled fighter planes, and its widespread installations are valued in the tens of millions of dollars. It is a vital key in Uncle Sam's tactical fighter defense against inter-continental attack. Between 3,000 and 4,000 military personnel are covered by its annual $15,000,000 payroll, most of which is spent within 10 miles of the base.

Today, thanks to well-balanced combination of all factors in the urban-rural economy of Macomb County, there has developed a prosperous territory with an unofficial 1953 population of more than 227,437; an area growing daily with great expectations.

Its valuation is more than $287,558,000. Its total annual county budget is in excess of $1,869,123. Its governmental and administrative functions are largely centered in the pretentious Macomb County Building, fully paid for, which today would cost far in excess of two million dollars to construct.

In the latter connection, three other current public projects are viewed with pride by Macomb County:

(1) The Martha T. Berry Memorial Hospital for indigents, a fully-modern, 100-bed structure, was opened in 1950. It is the state's most modern convalescent hospital. Built and equipped at a cost of approximately $750,000 it was fully paid for on its completion date.

(2) The $4,000,000 federal-aid Clinton River Spillway, running from Mount Clemens eastward to Lake St. Clair — for which the four-county district contributed $1,063,000, is now a well-proven benefit.

From the fall of 1951 through 1952, U.S. engineers estimated that it had averted several major floods which would have wrought $100,000 in damages.

The canal, adequately bridged where highways cross, is 200 feet wide, with a mean depth of 23 feet, and carries overflow water 214 miles to the lake at a maximum of 11,000 cubic feet per second. It has remained fully navigable and its now-attractive revetments eventually will be landscaped, possibly as parks.

(3) In a once-useless, marshy area of Harrison Township, near Huron Pointe, the five-county Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority has constructed for public use a multi-million-dollar lakeshore development, the St. Clair Metropolitan Beach. It is a 550-acre landscaped area complete with modern buildings but with nature's beauty undisturbed. Its curving, sandy beach is 6,000 feet long and 550 feet deep, the mammoth enterprise can provide recreation for 60,000 persons daily.

Progress constantly has spurred on both the governing bodies and the people of Macomb County, with improvement following improvement despite changing economic conditions. (The majestic County Building was conceived and completed in the throes of a major depression.

Macomb County's land area, 481 square miles, is the home of 227,437 persons, according to a June, 1953, scientific estimate made by The Daily Monitor-Leader from a Detroit Edison meter survey.

This survey showed that an overall gain of 42,476 (more than 22 per cent) was registered since the 1950 federal census count of 184,961. The latter was a 71 per cent increase over the 1940 figure of 107,638.

The survey showed that 62 per cent of the 1953 population resides within the South Macomb area. The figures: North Macomb 86,773 and South Macomb 141,664.

Warren Township's huge population in June
1953, stood at 45,813 as compared to 42,853 in 1950 — a gain of 3,160 or 7 per cent.

But the gains from 1950 to 1953 were larger elsewhere, as choice industrial and residential sites gradually became scarcer in Warren Township. Here are typical increases:

St. Clair Shores: 1950 - 19,823; June 1953 - (30,802); increase of 52 per cent.
Roseville: 1950 - 15,816; June 1953 - 26,902; increase of 73 per cent.
East Detroit: 1950 - 21,461; June 1953 - 24,779; increase of 14 per cent.

The pattern of increase in 1953 over 1950 was a general one, even including the more stable North Macomb communities. Utica gained 33 per cent; Armada 31 per cent; Fraser 22 per cent; Chesterfield Township 42 per cent, and similar gains in adjacent areas.

Ample roof for future expansion is assured by Macomb County's population density ratio of 472 people per square mile, as compared to Wayne County's 3,988 and Oakland's 449 in the same area.

Volumes could be written of the great wave of progress sweeping across the countryside where once the Wyandottes and the Chippewas camped, and to which came the French pioneers and the Eastern settlers to carve homes from the wilderness.

Possibly this brief sketch, which scarcely raises the dust from history's rich records, will inspire further research by those to whom Macomb County is home.

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Prosecuting Attorney .......................................... HOWard 3-0565.6,7
Register of Deeds ............................................... HOWard 8-6961
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Clerk ............................................................... Richmond 123-R-3

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Were half the power that fills the world with terror,

Were half the wealth bestowed on camps and courts,

Given to redeem the human mind from error,

There were no need of arsenals or forts.

(Longfellow)