OFFICIAL DIRECTORY
1955 - 1956

MACOMB COUNTY
MICHIGAN

Compiled by
ALBERT A. WAGNER
County Clerk

Modern Press, Mount Clemens
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
FEDERAL OFFICERS

Dwight D. Eisenhower
President of the United States

Richard Nixon
Vice-President of the United States

UNITED STATES CONGRESS

Richard Nixon
President, U. S. Senate

Sam Rayburn
Speaker, U. S. House of Representatives

Number of U. S. Senators: 96
Number of U. S. Representatives: 435

PRESIDENT'S CABINET

Secretary of State
John Foster Dulles
New York

Secretary of the Treasury
George M. Humphrey
Ohio

Attorney General
Herbert Brownell, Jr.
New York

Postmaster General
Arthur E. Summerfield
Michigan

Secretary of Defense
Charles E. Wilson
Michigan

Secretary of Interior
Douglas McKay
Oregon

Secretary of Agriculture
Ezra Taft Benson
Utah

Secretary of Commerce
Sinclair Weeks
Massachusetts

Secretary of Labor
James P. Mitchell
New Jersey
SUPREME COURT OF UNITED STATES

Chief Justice

Earl Warren .................................................. 1953

Associate Justices

Hugo L. Black .............................................. 1937
Stanley F. Reed ........................................... 1938
Felix Frankfurter ......................................... 1939
William O. Douglas ....................................... 1939
Harold H. Burton ......................................... 1945
Tom C. Clarke ............................................. 1949
Sherman Minton ........................................... 1949
John Marshall Harlan ..................................... 1954

UNITED STATES SENATORS

Charles E. Potter ........................................... Cheboygan
Patrick V. McNamara ...................................... Detroit

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Jesse P. Wolcott ....7th District........ Port Huron

STATE OFFICERS

GOVERNOR

G. Mennen Williams

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Philip A. Hart

SECRETARY OF STATE

James M. Harc

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Thomas M. Kavanaugh

STATE TREASURER

Sanford A. Brown

AUDITOR GENERAL

Victor Targonski

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Clair L. Taylor

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Charles M. Ziegler

JUDICIARY

Supreme Court of Michigan

Term Expires

Leland W. Carr ............................................. Dec. 31, 1955
Henry M. Butzel ........................................... Dec. 31, 1955
Talbot Smith .............................................. Dec. 31, 1956
Edward M. Sharpe ......................................... Dec. 31, 1957
Emerson R. Boyles ........................................ Dec. 31, 1959
Neil E. Reid ............................................... Dec. 31, 1959
John R. Dethmers ......................................... Dec. 31, 1961
Harry F. Kelly ............................................ Dec. 31, 1961
Hugh H. Carpenter ....................................... Clerk
Leland W. Carr (Elect) .................................. Dec. 31, 1963
Eugene F. Black (Elect) ................................. Dec. 31, 1963
STATE SENATOR, 11th District
Fred Nicholson ...................................... Warren

STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
First District
William Romano ...................................... Van Dyke
Second District
John T. Bowman ...................................... Roseville
Third District
George C. Steeh ..................................... Mt. Clemens

President of Senate ................................. Philip A. Hart
Speaker of the House of Representatives .... Wade Van Valkenburg

Number of Senators ................................. 34
Number of Representatives ....................... 110

CIRCUIT COURT OFFICERS
16th Judicial Circuit

James E. Spier ..................................... Circuit Judge
Alton H. Noe ....................................... 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
Cecil A. Byers ................................... Prosecuting Attorney
William C. Butler ................................ Ass't Prosecutor
Robert G. Edmonson ............................... Ass't Prosecutor
Robert S. McKenzie ............................... Ass't Prosecutor
Bruce L. Monks .................................. Ass't Prosecutor
Roy W. Rogensues ................................. Ass't Prosecutor
Daniel Cosmenco ................................ Ass't Prosecutor
Alfred A. Blomberg ............................... Civil Counsel
Lorraine Nicholson ............................... Court Reporter
Daniel Moreno .................................... Court Reporter
Harley Ensign ..................................... Sheriff

CIRCUIT COURT OFFICERS (Cont'd)

Clarence Shirey .................................. Court Officer
Edward J. Harder ................................ Court Officer
Guy L. Brown, Jr. ................................. Probation Officer
Marybelle Baker ................................ Friend of the Court
William H. Nunneley ............................. Circuit Court Comm'r
J. Russell LaBarge ................................ Circuit Court Comm'r

TERMS OF CIRCUIT COURT
Second Monday in January, April,
June, August and October.

COUNTY OFFICERS

Circuit Judge ................................. James E. Spier
Circuit Judge ................................ Alton H. Noe
Probate Judge ................................. Joseph V. Trombly
Probate Judge ................................ Donald J. Parent
County Clerk ................................ Albert A. Wagner
Prosecuting Attorney ......................... Cecil A. Byers
Sheriff ............................................ Harley Ensign
County Treasurer .............................. Lynn Whalen
Register of Deeds ............................... Aaron Burr
Drain Commissioner ......................... Frank Lohr
Coroner ........................................ Clifford H. Read
Coroner ........................................ Raymond G. Markle, D.O.
Circuit Court Comm'r ....................... Wm. H. Nunneley
Circuit Court Comm'r ....................... J. Russell LaBarge
County Treasurer ......................... Sherwood J. Bennett
Probation Officer ......................... Guy L. Brown, Jr.
Ass't Probation Officer ..................... Harry L. Haller
County Health Director................. Oscar D. Stryker, M.D.
County Sanitary Engineer ............... Merlin A. Damon
Supervisor of Nursing ..................... Marie Presley, R.N.
County Agent ................................. Martin H. Walkenhorst
County Agricultural Agent .............. William Rupp
Commissioner of Schools ................. Harold LeFevre
County Dog Warden ......................... Walter Ploetz
Probate Registrar ........................... Nelson Zott
**COUNTY OFFICERS (Cont'd)**

- County Librarian: Dorothy E. Hiatt
- Friend of the Court: Marybelle Baker
- Property Surveyor: Arthur D. Roese
- Civil Defense Director: Arthur J. Wendt

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**SUPERVISORS (Cont'd)**

- City of Mount Clemens: Harold Lindsey
  - Hugh H. Neale
  - Lawrence Oehmke
  - Ruth Westover
  - Gerald Lonergan
- City of Memphis: James Phillips
- City of New Baltimore: Arthur Shorkey
  - Kenneth W. Hill
  - Hugh R. Dodge
  - Adrian A. Lingemann
  - Milton Sicklesteel
  - John Yoe
- City of Utica: Howard Crissman
  - Robert Havel

**MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMITTEES FOR 1955 - 1956**

**CHAIRMAN** — Bernard A. Kalahar
**VICE-CHAIRMAN** — Harold Lindsey
**CLERK** — Albert A. Wagner
**ATTORNEY** — Alfred A. Blomberg

**AGRICULTURE:** Bock, Clark, Lemmon, Rowley, Inwood, Priehs, Toles, Bailey.

**APPORPTIONMENT:** Rowley, Bovenschen, Lonergan, Bock, Leidecker, Wolf, Havel.

**APPROPRIATIONS:** Clark, Dodge, Priehs, Bock, Lindsey, Phillips, Bovenschen, Bailey.

**BUILDING:** Lundy, Crissman, Weymouth, Lemmon, Bovenschen, Biehl, Sicklesteel, Shorkey, Rowley, Oehmke, Clark.

**BUDGET:** Sicklesteel, Miller, Biehl, Lundy, Lindsey, Hill, Lemmon, Inwood, Doen, DeVisscher.
COMMITTEES (Cont'd)

EQUALIZATION: Lindsey, Hill, Biehl, Miller, Lingemann, Lundy, Ledbetter, Lemmon, Havel, Inwood.
FINANCE: Biehl, Oehmke, Miller, Clark, Schoenherr, Dodge, DeVisscher, Ledbetter, Skula, Inwood.
LEGISLATION: Weymouth, Neale, Hill, Skula, Biehl, Inwood, Yoe.
REJECTED TAX: Westover, Lundy, Priehs, Havel, Shorkey, Sicklesteel, Beaufait.
RADIO: Leidecker, Biehl, Lemmon, Schoenherr, Miller, Dodge, Westover.

DEFENSE: Havel, Lindsey, Sicklesteel, Miller, Stark, DeVisscher, Beaufait.
REGISTER OF DEEDS: Lingemann, Oehmke, Clark, Bailey, Inwood, Havel, Beaufait, Phillips.
CO-ORDINATING ZONING: Miller, Bovenschen, Lindsey.
WATER & SEWER INTER-COUNTY: Dodge, Miller, Stark, Crissman, Lindsey, Schoenherr, Biehl, Hill, Bovenschen.
SERGEANT AT ARMS: Bovenschen.
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 CANVASSERS

Leslie Baumgartner ....................... Roseville
Harold Donaldson ....................... Mount Clemens
Louis Luchtman ......................... Washington
Albert A. Wagner ....................... Mount Clemens

COUNTY TAX ALLOCATION BOARD

William H. Nunneley, Chairman .... Mt. Clemens
Frank Biehl ............................................ Roseville
Harold LeFevre ............................ East Detroit
Arthur J. Miller ......................... Warren
Thomas W. Walsh ......................... St. Clair Shores
Lynn Whalen ............................. Roseville
Albert A. Wagner, Clerk .............. Mount Clemens
SOCIAL WELFARE COMMISSION
Mark Roose .................................................. Chairman
Grover J. Powell ................................. Vice-Chairman
Edward J. Gallagher ......................... Member
Harry R. Cahill ................................. Secretary & Director

ELECTION COMMISSION
Joseph V. Trombly .......................... 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

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

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Kenneth W. Hill ......................... New Baltimore
Frank Biehl ................................ Roseville
Philip T. Mulligan, M.D. ............... Mt. Clemens
Grover J. Powell ........................ Washington
Lyle Rosso ................................ Mt. Clemens

CONCEALED WEAPONS
LICENSING BOARD
Ceeil A. Byers ............................... Prosecuting Attorney
Harley Ensign ............................... Sheriff
Sgt. Claude Cook ......................... Michigan State Police
Albert A. Wagner ................... County Clerk

COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD (Cont'd)
Allen Rush .................................... Romeo
Fred McArthur ............................ Mt. Clemens
Harold LeFevre, Secretary ............ East Detroit

COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
B. A. Kalahar, Chairman .............. Centerline
Paul Cousino ................................ Warren
Harold LeFevre .............................. East Detroit
Marjorie Montgomery ...................... Armada
Arthur Rowley ......................... Memphis

EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION
Harry Schwaberow, Chairman .......... Mt. Clemens
Frank Biehl ................................ Roseville
Guy L. Brown, Jr. ....................... Mt. Clemens
Roy Connor ................................ Armada
Arthur E. Harm ......................... New Haven
B. A. Kalahar ................................ Centerline
Milton Sicklesteel ...................... St. Clair Shores
Sherwood J. Bennett, Secretary ........ Mt. Clemens

COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
Roy Connor, Chairman .............. Armada
William E. Malow, Vice-Chairman ...... Utica
Ernest W. McCollom, Comm'r .... St. Clair Shores
George H. Klein, Engineer .......... Mt. Clemens
Thomas A. Babcock, Secretary .... Mt. Clemens

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

COUNTY EVALUATION
1950 ................................................. $186,161,488.00
1951 ................................................. 210,772,713.00
1952 ................................................. 249,693,756.00
1953 ................................................. 287,558,286.00
1954 ................................................. 335,958,377.00
1955 ................................................. 395,107,690.00
OFFICIALS OF THE
CITY OF MOUNT CLEMENS

Mayor ........................................... Harold Lindsey
City Manager ................................. Robert D. Heitsch
Commissioners ............................... Ray Brandenburg
                                           Spencer Fenton
                                           John Gillett
                                           Dr. Richard H. Millar
                                           Lawrence Oehmke
                                           Ruth Westover
City Clerk .................................... Frederick Soule
Deputy City Clerk ............................. Emmett Quinn
City Treasurer ................................. Helen E. Miller
City Assessor ................................. Gerald J. Lonergan
City Attorney ..................................
City Engineer ................................. E. L. Pettingill
Supt. of Water Wks. & Sewers ............ Harry McEntee
Supt. of Filtration ............................ Robert E. Hanson
Chief of Police ............................... Philip H. Oakley
Chief of Fire Department ................. Clayton E. DuBay
Health Officer ............................ Dr. Oscar Stryker
Supt. of Streets and Parks ............... Joseph F. Gardner
Director of Recreation ..................... Elroy Richter
Electrical Inspector ....................... Stanley E. Prevost
Plumbing Inspector ......................... Edward Hundt
Board of Review .............................. Isaac Hartung
                                           Rainie Howard
                                           Elizabeth Golden
Municipal Judge .................. Frank E. Howard
Associate Municipal Judge ............. Frank E. Jeannette
Constable ............................... Mrs. Kathryn Miller
Dog Warden ............................... George Reed

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OFFICIALS OF THE
CITY OF CENTERLINE

Mayor ........................................... A. G. Hazen
Councilmen ................................. Alex M. Schoenherr
                                           Carl J. Blahnik
                                           Roland J. Riuke
                                           George Vlaich
Clerk & Treasurer ............................ Wm. Steinhaus
Police Chief ............................... Dennis R. Frazier
Fire Chief ................................. Nelson C. Bruechert
Assessor .................................... W. F. Lundy
Supervisors ................................. Alex M. Schoenherr
                                           Bernard A. Kalahar
                                           Bernard Wolf
                                           W. F. Lundy
Justice of the Peace ...................... Raymond R. Grubba
Recreation Director ........................ Tom Pounder
Health Officer ............................. Dr. James W. Bryce

OFFICIALS OF THE
CITY OF EAST DETROIT

Mayor ........................................... Aloysius L. Kapelczak
City Manager ................................. Charles H. Beaubien
City Clerk .................................. Charles H. Beaubien
City Treasurer .......................... Esley J. Rausch
City Assessor ............................. Howard L. Ledbetter
City Attorney ............................ Carl Weymouth
Police Chief .............................. Lyman Eckhardt
Public Works Supt. ...................... Charles Paternoster
Electrical Inspector .................... Robert J. Kern
Plumbing Inspector ...................... Frederick Walther
Building Inspector ..................... Paul F. Linenger
Health Officer .......................... Dr. Oscar D. Stryker
Fire Chief ............................... August Zado
Constable ............................... Henry C. Hauss
Constable ............................... Rudolph Hauss
EAST DETROIT (Cont'd)
Justice of the Peace ........... Harold H. Heins
Justice of the Peace .......... John J. McPherson
Supervisors .................... Howard L. Ledbetter
                           Carl Weymouth
                           Bert Leidceker
                           Robert Doen
                           Mildred Stark
Councilmen ..................... James E. Anderson
                           William J. Hudson
                           Beulah J. Kantner
                           George S. Stone, Sr.

NEW BALTIMORE (Cont'd)
Water Commissioner ............ Karl Schwanbeck
Attorney ....................... Kenneth W. Hill
Supervisors .................... Arthur Shorkey
                           Kenneth W. Hill
Fire Chief ...................... Lloyd Reck
Councilmen ..................... Earl F. Clowes
                           Frank Maskey
                           Leo Niebauer
                           Herman Stafforst
                           Vernor Allard
                           Philip Henderson

OFFICIALS OF THE
CITY OF MEMPHIS
Mayor ................ Clair F. Fierstine, Jr.
Clerk ................ A. J. Pearsall
Treasurer ........... Harold B. Fries
Councilmen .......... Albert Priestap
                           Harold Gruneisen
                           Thomas Conner
                           Robert Schuster
                           Carl Kopping
                           Ernest Kesner
Justice of the Peace .... Michael Bartholomew
Justice of the Peace .... A. J. Pearsall
Supervisor ........ James Phillips

OFFICIALS OF THE
CITY OF NEW BALTIMORE
Mayor ................ Arthur P. Shorkey
Clerk .................... Grace C. Balfour
Treasurer ................ Irvin Fritz
Assessor ................ Frank J. Smith
City Superintendent .... Andrew Meldrum
Chief of Police .......... Frank A. Dolecki

OFFICIALS OF THE
CITY OF ST. CLAIR SHORES
Mayor ................ Thomas S. Welsh
City Manager .......... Adrian A. Lingemann
Councilmen ........ Milton Sicklesstel
                           Douglas Taylor
                           Hugh R. Dodge
                           Frank Maison
                           Yale McIntyre
                           J. Gerald Wetzel
Clerk ................ D. J. Harm
Treasurer ........ Mrs. Lora L. Boye
Assessor ................ Adrian A. Lingemann
Attorney ................ John Yoe
Police Chief ........ Harvey E. Champine
Fire Chief ............ Philip A. Eckhout
Engineer ................ George Koopman
Supt. Public Works ...... Ed Kurtzhals
Supt. Water ............ Louis H. Swartz
Recreation Director .... George Kaufman
Civil Defense Director .. Charles Dederich
Health Officer ........ Dr. Oscar D. Stryker
OFFICIALS OF THE
CITY OF UTICA

Mayor ........................................ Donald R. Havel
Mayor Pro-Tern .......................... George Albrecht
Assessor ............................... Robert C. Havel
Treasurer ............................... Dora M. Hahn
Clerk ..................................... Edward W. Havel
Councilmen ...................... Walter A. Kiekbusch
                              George Albrecht
                              Joseph E. Francis
                              Harold F. Kamp
                              Omar K. Helferich
                              Lyla Kohmann
Justice of the Peace ............... E. Jim McClellan
Chief of Police ...................... Hazen S. Anderson
Fire Chief ............................ Edward Stadler
Health Officer ...................... D. B. Wiley, M.D.
Attorney ............................. George F. Roberts
Sewer & Water Supt. .............. Frank Gibbing
Street Commissioner .............. James Austin

TOWNSHIP OFFICERS

ARMADA

Supervisor — W. A. Toles ................... Armada
Clerk — Ray Schnell ........................ Armada
Treasurer — Carl Plauman .................. Armada
Trustee — Eugene Kent ..................... Armada
Trustee — Orvy Hulett, Sr. .............. Armada

BRUCE

Supervisor — John M. Bailey ............... Romeo
Clerk — Conrad Turrell ..................... Romeo
Treasurer — Hazel Kohlhagen .............. Romeo
Trustee — Joseph Konarski ................ Romeo
Trustee — Wilbert Donaldson ............. Romeo

CHESTERFIELD

Supervisor — Keith Bovenschen ............ R. 1, New Baltimore
Clerk — Leo J. Blakely ..................... R. 1, New Baltimore
Treasurer — Carl A. Brandenburg .......... R. 3, New Baltimore
Trustee — Phil Greene ..................... R. 3, New Baltimore
Trustee — George C. Haase .............. R. 3, New Baltimore

CLINTON

Supervisor — Jerome DeVisscher .......... Fraser
Clerk — Edward J. Faulman ................. Fraser
Treasurer — Arthur C. Lietz .............. Mt. Clemens
Trustee — Leo Festian ..................... Mt. Clemens
Trustee — Hugo L. Nieman ............... Mt. Clemens

ERIN

Supervisor — Frank Biehl .................. Roseville
Clerk — Darius Kennedy ................... Roseville
Treasurer — Anna Prue ..................... Roseville
Trustee — Charles Dugan .................. Roseville
Trustee — Edward J. Flanagan ............ Roseville
Trustee — Richard Hennigan .............. Roseville
Trustee — Edward Spybrook ............... Roseville
HARRISON

Supervisor — Ralph E. Beaufait .......... Mt. Clemens
Clerk — Howard W. Phillips .......... Mt. Clemens
Treasurer — William C. Tegeder .......... Mt. Clemens
Trustee — Carl H. Jobse .......... Mt. Clemens
Trustee — Hiram F. Stroup .......... Mt. Clemens

LAKE

Supervisor — Harry Garland .......... Grosse Pointe
Clerk — Thomas E. Loughlin .......... Grosse Pointe
Treasurer — Jay L. Hammen .......... Grosse Pointe

LENNOX

Supervisor — Frank Lemmon .......... New Haven
Clerk — G. A. Schultz .......... Richmond
Treasurer — Edward F. Beier .......... Richmond
Trustee — E. Buell Priestap .......... Richmond
Trustee — Emler Hartwig .......... New Haven

MACOMB

Supervisor — Paul Bock .......... Mt. Clemens
Clerk — Edgar Beyerlein .......... Mt. Clemens
Treasurer — Theodore Leyer .......... Utica
Trustee — Fred Rohrbeck .......... Utica
Trustee — Russell Koss .......... Mt. Clemens

RAY

Supervisor — J. Nellis Clark .......... Romeo
Clerk — Fred L. Diener .......... Washington
Treasurer — Harriet Smith .......... Romeo
Trustee — George Whiting .......... Washington
Trustee — John Grader .......... Washington

RICHMOND

Supervisor — W. Arthur Rowley .......... Richmond
Clerk — Howard H. Bauer .......... Richmond
Treasurer — John Joseph .......... Richmond
Trustee — Paul Russ .......... Richmond
Trustee — Vern McConnell .......... Memphis

SHELBY

Supervisor — Steve Skula .......... Utica
Clerk — Lorin Evans .......... Utica
Treasurer — DeWitt Helferich .......... Rochester
Trustee — Joseph Boardman .......... Utica
Trustee — Patrick Earles .......... Utica

STERLING

Supervisor — Arthur Priehs .......... Fraser
Clerk — John Wright .......... Utica
Treasurer — Otto Maas .......... Utica
Trustee — Louis Schoenherr .......... Fraser
Trustee — Ailred Murphy .......... Fraser

WARREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Supervisor — Arthur J. Miller .......... Warren
Clerk — Hildegarde M. Lowe .......... Van Dyke
Treasurer — William Shaw .......... East Detroit
Trustee — William Allen .......... Van Dyke
Trustee — Paul Puzzuoli .......... Van Dyke
Trustee — John J. Dunn, Sr. .......... Van Dyke
Trustee — Louis Kelsey .......... Van Dyke

WASHINGTON

Supervisor — R. Eugene Inwood .......... Romeo
Clerk — Harold R. Masters .......... Washington
Treasurer — William Oming .......... Romeo
Trustee — Charles Curtis .......... Washington
Trustee — Frank Wilcox .......... Romeo
VILLAGE OFFICERS

ARMADA
President ........................................ George Holt
Clerk ............................................. Martin Montgomery
Treasurer ......................................... Carl Plauman

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

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

RICHMOND
President .......................................... Leslie C. Dittman
Clerk ............................................... Karl N. Hirt
Treasurer ......................................... Grace Ferguson

ROMEO
President .......................................... Philip M. Stone
Clerk ............................................... William Oming
Treasurer ......................................... Grace R. McKay

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

WARREN
President .......................................... George Pagels
Clerk ............................................... William T. Holmes
Treasurer ......................................... Ray F. 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 pinnaclies of a million dollar Macomb County Building, symbolize 175 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 250,000 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 forerunners 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 Centerline 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 descent 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 bedrock, 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 decline 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 a 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 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 the line was called Huron Township.

On August 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 lop off the entire 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, 368).
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 71 and 83).

An act of April 2, 1838, removed some territory from Orange (Erin and 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, seven villages, seven 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 townsite 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 Township's 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 establishment second to none in strategic importance. It is now the nation's leadig 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 ten miles of the base.

Today, thanks to the 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 $395,107,690. Its total annual county budget is in excess of $2,592,181. 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 23/4 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 has constantly spurred on both the governing bodies and the people of Macomb County, with improvement following improve-

ment despite changing economic conditions. The majestic County Building was conceived and completed in the throes of a major depression.

A new County Jail with all the latest innovations, embodying a modern court room and chapel, was built at a cost of approximately one million dollars. It has a capacity of 132 prisoners and is so constructed that its capacity can be doubled and youthful and first offenders can be segregated from the more hardened type.

At the present time a Detention Home to cost in the neighborhood of $250,000 is under construction and when completed will house Juveniles under the jurisdiction of the Probate Court.

An addition to the Martha T. Berry Hospital, to house contagious patients and to provide offices for the Health Department and the Agricultural Agent, is also under consideration at the present time.

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, and a population of 284,000 is estimated by 1960.

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 85,773 and South Macomb 141,664.

Warren Township's huge population in June 1953 stood at 45,813 as compared to 42,653 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; an increase of 52 per cent.

Roseville: 1950 - 15,816; June 1953 - 26,902; an increase of 73 per cent.

East Detroit: 1950 - 21,461; June 1953 - 24,779; an 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 room 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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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)