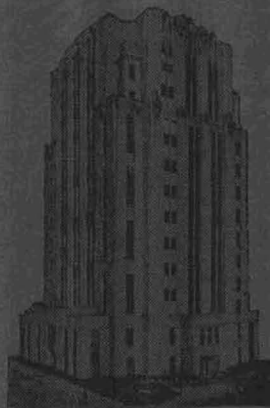


# OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

1957 - 1958



## MACOMB COUNTY MICHIGAN

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*County Clerk*

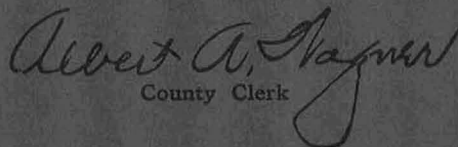
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To the Citizens of Macomb County:

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.

  
County Clerk

*Officials of the*  
**FEDERAL - STATE - COUNTY**  
**CITIES - VILLAGES**  
*and*  
**TOWNSHIPS**  
*in the*  
**COUNTY OF MACOMB**

**1957 - 1958**

**MOUNT CLEMENS, MICHIGAN**  
**County Seat**

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*County Clerk*

## FEDERAL OFFICES

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**  
Robert B. Anderson ..... Texas  
**Attorney General**  
Herbert Brownell, Jr. .... New York  
**Postmaster General**  
Arthur E. Summerfield ..... Michigan  
**Secretary of Defense**  
Charles E. Wilson ..... Michigan  
**Secretary of Interior**  
Fred Seaton ..... Nebraska  
**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

	Appointed
Earl Warren .....	1953

### Associate Justices

	Appointed
Hugo L. Black .....	1937
Felix Frankfurter .....	1939
William O. Douglas .....	1939
Harold H. Burton .....	1945
Tom C. Clarke .....	1949
John Marshall Harlan .....	1955
William J. Brennan .....	1956
Charles Evans Whittaker .....	1957

## UNITED STATES SENATORS

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

## REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Robert J. McIntosh ....	7th District ....	Port Huron
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## OFFICERS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

### GOVERNOR

G. Mennen Williams .....	Grosse Pointe
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### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Philip A. Hart .....	Lansing
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### SECRETARY OF STATE

James M. Hare .....	Detroit
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### ATTORNEY GENERAL

Thomas M. Kavanagh .....	Carson City
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### STATE TREASURER

Sanford A. Brown .....	Bay Port
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### AUDITOR GENERAL

Frank S. Szymanski .....	Detroit
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### SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Lynn M. Bartlett .....	Grosse Pointe Woods
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### STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

John C. Mackie .....	Flint
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## THE STATE JUDICIARY

### SUPREME COURT OF MICHIGAN

#### CHIEF JUSTICE

	Term Expires
John R. Dethmers, East Lansing .....	Dec. 31, 1961

#### ASSOCIATE JUSTICES

	Term Expires
Talbot Smith, Ann Arbor .....	Dec. 31, 1957
Edward M. Sharpe, Bay City .....	Dec. 31, 1957
John D. Volker, Ishpeming .....	Dec. 31, 1959
George Edwards, Detroit .....	Dec. 31, 1959
Harry F. Kelly, Detroit .....	Dec. 31, 1961
Eugene F. Black, Port Huron .....	Dec. 31, 1963
Leland W. Carr, Lansing .....	Dec. 31, 1963
Thomas M. Kavanagh (Elect) .....	Dec. 31, 1965
Talbot Smith (Elect) .....	Dec. 31, 1965

## STATE SENATOR — 11th District

George C. Stech D. .... Mount Clemens

## STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

William Romano D. 1st Dist. .... Van Dyke

John T. Bowman D. 2nd Dist. .... Roseville

Kenneth W. Sanborn R.

3rd Dist. .... Mount Clemens

Philip A. Hart ..... President of Senate

George M. VanPeursesem ..... Speaker of House

of Representatives

Number of Senators ..... 34

Number of Representatives ..... 110

## CIRCUIT COURT OFFICERS

### 16th Judicial Circuit

Howard R. Carroll ..... Circuit Judge

Alton H. Noe ..... Circuit Judge

James E. Spier ..... Circuit Judge

Albert A. Wagner ..... Clerk of Circuit Court

Suzanne Culver ..... Chief Deputy Clerk

Elmore Lester ..... Assignment Clerk

Geraldine Croft ..... Court Clerk

Althea Lamb ..... Court Clerk

Ruth Rohrbeck ..... Court Clerk

Cecil A. Byers ..... Prosecuting Attorney

Roy W. Rogensues ..... Chief Ass't. Prosecutor

Robert S. McKenzie ..... Chief Trial Lawyer

Karl G. Heidemann ..... Ass't. Prosecutor

Charles R. Towner ..... Ass't. Prosecutor

John H. Kessel ..... Ass't. Prosecutor

Richard C. Stavoe ..... Ass't. Prosecutor

Salvatore Crimando ..... Ass't. Prosecutor

Kenneth R. McAlpine ..... Ass't. Prosecutor

Thelma Hancock ..... Court Reporter

Daniel Mareno ..... Court Reporter

Lorraine Nicholson ..... Court Reporter

Edward J. Harder ..... Court Officer

## CIRCUIT COURT OFFICERS (Cont'd)

Arthur Hartsig ..... Court Officer

Stanley Reeder ..... Court Officer

Guy L. Brown, Jr. .... Probation Officer

Marybelle Baker ..... Friend of the Court

Daniel Cosmeneo ..... Circuit Court Conciliator

William H. Nunneley ..... Circuit Court Comm'r

J. Russell LaBarge ..... Circuit Court Comm'r

## TERMS OF CIRCUIT COURT

Six terms, each of two months duration, beginning the first Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November of each year.

## ELECTED COUNTY OFFICERS

Circuit Judge ..... Howard R. Carroll

Circuit Judge ..... Alton H. Noe

Circuit Judge ..... James E. Spier

Probate Judge ..... Donald J. Parent

Probate Judge ..... Joseph V. Trombly

Prosecuting Attorney ..... Cecil A. Byers

Sheriff ..... Harley Ensign

County Clerk ..... Albert A. Wagner

County Treasurer ..... Lynn Whalen

Register of Deeds ..... Arron Burr

Drain Commissioner ..... Frank Lohr

Coroner ..... Raymond G. Markle, D. O.

Coroner ..... Clifford H. Read

Circuit Court Comm'r ..... J. Russell LaBarge

Circuit Court Comm'r ..... William H. Nunneley

## APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICERS

County Controller ..... Sherwood J. Bennett

County Health Director .... Oscar D. Stryker, M.D.

County Sanitary Engineer ..... Merlin A. Damon

Supervisor of Nursing ..... Marie Presley, R.N.

County Agent ..... Charlotte Abitz

County Agricultural Agent ..... Jack Prescott

## APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICERS (Contd)

Commissioner of Schools ..... Harold LeFevre  
County Dog Warden ..... John Ploetz  
Probate Registrar ..... Nelson Zott  
County Librarian ..... Dorothy E. Hiatt  
Friend of the Court ..... Marybelle Baker  
Property Surveyor ..... Arthur D. Roesch  
Civil Defense and  
Restitution Director ..... Arthur J. Wendt  
County Planning Director ..... William Rowden  
Assessment and  
Equalization Director ..... Robert L. Purnell

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman ..... Bernard A. Kalahar  
Vice Chairman ..... Keith Bovenschen  
Clerk ..... Albert A. Wagner  
Civil Counsel ..... Alfred A. Blomberg  
Sergeant-at-Arms ..... Ralph E. Beaufait

Armada Township ..... W. A. Toles  
Bruce ..... John M. Bailey  
Chesterfield ..... Keith Bovenschen  
Clinton ..... Jerome DeVisscher  
Erin ..... Frank Biehl  
Harrison ..... Ralph E. Beaufait  
Lake ..... Harry Garland  
Lenox ..... Frank Lemmon  
Macomb ..... Paul Bock  
Ray ..... J. Nellis Clark  
Richmond ..... W. Arthur Rowley  
Shelby ..... Fred LaGodna  
Sterling ..... Arthur Priehs  
Washington ..... R. Eugene Inwood  
City of Centerline ..... Bernard A. Kalahar  
Alex Schoenherr  
Bernard Wolf, Sr.  
Wilbert F. Lundy

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (Cont'd)

City of East Detroit ..... Carl Weymouth  
Mildred Stark  
Robert Doen  
Esley J. Rausch  
Howard Ledbetter  
City of Fraser ..... Quinton G. Buss  
Carl W. Behrendt  
Lowell A. Steffens  
City of Memphis ..... Elton Hurlburt  
City of Mount Clemens ..... Harry Diehl  
Ray W. Brandenburg  
Ruth Westover  
Louis M. Davis  
Gerald Lonergan  
City of New Baltimore ..... William A. Gentz  
Joseph McKane  
City of St. Clair Shores ..... Thomas S. Welsh  
Roy Suckling  
Adrian Lingemann  
Eugene Ellison  
Victor Newell  
City of Utica ..... Edward R. Church  
Louis Ruby  
City of Warren ..... Arthur J. Miller  
John A. Rinke  
Dr. Edward Kenny  
Orvyll R. Young  
Kenneth Cole  
Clarence Steinhauser  
C. P. McGrath  
Earl J. Tallman

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMITTEES FOR 1957 - 1958

**AIRPORT:** Garland, Diehl, Beaufait, Steffens,  
Church, Tallman Clark.

## COMMITTEES (Cont'd)

**AGRICULTURAL:** Rowley, Boek, Clark, Lemmon, Inwood, Priehs, Toles, Bailey, Rinke.

**APPORTIONMENT:** Lonergan, Doen, Boek, Wolf, Rausch, Ruby, Behrendt.

**APPROPRIATION:** Clark, Ledbetter, Priehs, Bock, Bailey, Lemmon, Hurlburt, Diehl.

**BUILDING:** Lundy, Weymouth, Bovenschen, Biehl, Rowley, Brandenburg, Clark, Lemmon, Welsh, McGrath.

**BUDGET:** Welsh, Biehl, Lundy, Lemmon, Inwood, Doen, DeVisscher, Steinhauer, Diehl.

**DEFENSE:** DeVisscher, Stark, Beaufait, Newell, Behrendt, Ruby, Young.

**DOG:** Priehs, Toles, Bock, Baitey, Clark, Wolf, Westover, Buss, LaGodna.

**DRAIN:** Schoenherr, Biehl, Bailey, Rowley, Stark, Toles, Diehl, McGrath, Ellison.

**EQUALIZATION:** Tallman, Biehl, Lingemann, Lundy, Ledbetter, Lemmon, Inwood, Lonergan.

**FINANCE:** Biehl, Clark, Schoenherr, DeVisscher, Inwood, Brandenburg, Rausch, Steinhauer, Welsh, Beaufait.

**INDUSTRIAL & PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Stark, Davis, Beaufait, Gentz, Young, Ellison, Church.

**JUDICIARY:** Weymouth, Davis, Clark, Lonergan, Wolf, Doen, Toles, Westover, Buss.

**LEGISLATIVE:** Gentz, Davis, Inwood, Garland, LaGodna, Cole, Suckling.

**RADIO:** Buss, Lemmon, Schoenherr, Westover, Rausch, Kenny, Suckling.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS:** Beaufait, Lingemann, Bailey, Brandenburg, Boek, Inwood, Hurlburt, Steffens.

## COMMITTEES (Cont'd)

**REJECTED TAXES:** Westover, Lundy, Priehs, Beaufait, McKane, Newell.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Davis, Weymouth, Bailey, Garland, Gentz, Cole, Newell.

**ROADS:** Lemmon, Brandenburg, Beaufait, Rowley, Bovenschen, Toles, LaGodna, Suckling, Rinke.

**SHERIFF:** Bovenschen, Schoenherr, Toles, Miller, Rowley, Brandenburg, Ledbetter, Welsh.

**TOWNSHIP TAX:** Inwood, Priehs, Bock, McKane, Wolf, Garland, Rowley.

**TREASURER:** Toles, Lonergan, Priehs, Bailey, Hurlburt, McKane, Steffens, Rausch, Behrendt.

**SPECIAL SAFETY:** Ledbetter, Bailey, Bock, Bovenschen, Davis, Newell, Ruby.

**WELFARE:** Miller, Lingemann, Biehl, Toles, Rowley, Wolf, Doen, Westover, LaGodna.

**INTER-COUNTY:** Biehl, Stark, Bovenschen, DeVisscher, Rinke, Lundy.

**ZONING:** DeVisscher, Bovenschen, Kenny.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Rowley, Stark, Bovenschen, DeVisscher.

**WATER AUTHORITY:** Bovenschen, Church, DeVisscher.

**INTER-COUNTY HIGHWAY:** Bovenschen, McGrath.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** Beaufait.

**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, Chairman ..... Center Line  
Harold Donaldson ..... Mount Clemens  
Harold Luchtman ..... Washington  
Albert A. Wagner, Clerk ..... Mount Clemens

### COUNTY TAX ALLOCATION BOARD

Ray H. Callens, Chairman ..... New Baltimore  
Frank Biehl ..... Roseville  
Harold LeFevre ..... East Detroit  
Arthur J. Miller ..... Warren  
William Adamek ..... St. Clair Shores  
Lynn Whalen ..... Roseville  
Sherwood J. Bennett, Secretary .. Mount Clemens

### SOCIAL WELFARE COMMISSION

Edward J. Gallagher ..... Chairman  
Mark Roose ..... Vice-Chairman  
Grover J. Powell ..... Member  
Harry Cahill ..... Secretary and Director

### ELECTION COMMISSION

Donald J. Parent ..... Probate Judge  
Lynn Whalen ..... County Treasurer  
Albert A. Wagner ..... County Clerk

### COUNTY PLAT BOARD

Arron Burr, Chairman ..... Register of Deeds  
Lynn Whalen ..... County Treasurer  
Frank Lohr ..... Drain Commissioner  
Albert A. Wagner, Secretary ..... County Clerk

### COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

## COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Kenneth Hill ..... New Baltimore  
Frank Biehl ..... Roseville  
Philip T. Mulligan, M.D. .... Mount Clemens  
Grover J. Powell ..... Washington  
Lyle Rosso ..... Mount Clemens

### CONCEALED WEAPONS LICENSING BOARD

Cecil A. Byers ..... Prosecuting Attorney  
Harley Ensign ..... Sheriff  
Sgt. Max McCall ..... Michigan State Police  
Albert A. Wagner ..... County Clerk

### COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Kenneth W. Hill, President ..... New Baltimore  
Glenn Peters, Vice President ..... Mount Clemens  
Keith Bovenschen ..... New Baltimore  
Allen Rush ..... Romeo  
Fred McArthur ..... Mount Clemens  
Harold LeFevre, Secretary ..... East Detroit

### COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

W. Arthur Rowley, Chairman ..... Richmond  
Marjorie Montgomery, Secretary ..... Armada  
Paul Cousino ..... Warren  
Milton Sicklesteel ..... St. Clair Shores  
Harold LeFevre ..... East Detroit

### EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION

Lester Almstadt, Chairman ..... Mount Clemens  
Frank Biehl ..... Roseville  
August Casier ..... Mount Clemens  
Roy Conner ..... Richmond  
B. A. Kalahar ..... Center Line  
Harry Schroaberow ..... New Haven  
Thomas Welsh ..... St. Clair Shores  
Sherwood J. Bennett ..... Mount Clemens





## EAST DETROIT (Cont'd)

Supervisors ..... Carl Weymouth  
Howard L. Ledbetter  
Esley J. Rausch  
Mildred Stark  
Robert Doen  
Councilmen ..... James E. Anderson  
William J. Hudson  
George S. Stone, Sr.  
Joseph J. Wendt

## OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF FRASER

Mayor ..... Edgar Beck  
Mayor Pro-Tem ..... Otis McKinley, D.D.S.  
Councilmen ..... Hubert Moors  
Fred Wade  
George VanMarcke  
Albert VanThomme  
Fred Eberlein  
Otis McKinley, D.D.S.  
Clerk ..... Richard E. Nicolai  
Treasurer ..... G. Roland Stumpf  
Assessor ..... Theodore Bohn  
Justice of the Peace ..... Walter C. Steffens  
Attorney ..... Kenneth J. McCallum  
Engineer ..... C. P. McGrath  
Fire Chief ..... Benhard Reif, Jr.  
Police Chief ..... Hermann A. Jacob  
Finance Commissioner ..... Fred Wade  
Public Works Commissioner ..... Hubert Moors  
Water Commissioner ..... Fred Eberlein  
Safety Commissioner ..... George VanMarcke  
Parks and Recreation  
Commissioner ..... Otis McKinley, D.D.S.  
Health Commissioner ..... Albert VanThomme  
Building Inspector ..... Carl Skubic

## FRASER (Cont'd)

Electrical Inspector ..... Emeric Nuytten  
Plumbing and Heating Inspector .... Charles Hilto  
Plumbing and  
Heating Inspector ..... Charles Hilton  
Supervisors ..... Carl W. Behrendt  
Quinton G. Buss  
Lowell A. Steffens

## OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS

Mayor ..... Clair F. Fierstine, Jr.  
Clerk ..... A. J. Pearsall  
Treasurer ..... Harold Fries  
Supervisor ..... Elton Hurlburt  
Assessor ..... Frank Lawrence  
Councilmen ..... Harold Gruneisen  
Robert Dolan  
Carl Koppinger  
Ernest Kesner  
Albert Priestap  
Thomas Conner  
Chief of Police ..... Muriel Clark  
Justice of the Peace ..... Lawrence Hayward  
Justice of the Peace ..... M. J. Bartholomew  
Building Inspector ..... Howard Winn  
Electrical Inspector ..... Ernest Kesner  
Heating Inspector ..... Robert Ludwig





## CHESTERFIELD

Supervisor—  
Keith Bovenschen ..... R. 1, New Baltimore  
Clerk—  
Matthew A. Wagner ..... R. 1, New Baltimore  
Treasurer—  
Carl A. Brandenburg ..... Mount Clemens  
Trustee— Robert Rabine ..... R. 3, New Baltimore  
Trustee— George C. Haase .... R. 3, New Baltimore

## ERIN

Supervisor— Frank Biehl ..... Roseville  
Clerk— John Carls ..... 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 .... Mount Clemens  
Clerk— Howard W. Phillips ..... Mount Clemens  
Treasurer— William C. Tegeder .. Mount Clemens  
Trustee— Carl H. Jobse ..... Mount Clemens  
Trustee— Hiram F. Stroup ..... Mount Clemens

## LAKE

Supervisor— Harry Garland ..... Grosse Pointe  
Clerk— Thomas E. Loughlin ..... Grosse Pointe  
Treasurer— Jay L. Hammen ..... Grosse Pointe  
Trustee— Jay W. Smith ..... Grosse Pointe  
Trustee— H. Grant Iler ..... Grosse Pointe

## LENOX

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

## MACOMB

Supervisor— Paul Bock ..... Mount Clemens  
Clerk— Edgar Beyerlein ..... Mount Clemens  
Treasurer— Theodore Leyer ..... Utica  
Trustee— Fred Rohrbeck ..... Utica  
Trustee— Barney VanDyke ..... Mount 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— Fred Schrader ..... Armada  
Trustee— Joseph Wilhelm ..... Memphis

## SHELBY

Supervisor— Fred LaGodna ..... Utica  
Clerk— George Kullman ..... Utica  
Treasurer— DeWitt Helferich ..... Rochester  
Trustee— Joseph Boardman ..... Utica  
Trustee— Louis V. Malo ..... Utica

## STERLING

Supervisor— Arthur Priehs ..... Fraser  
Clerk— Dorothy Tolley ..... Mount Clemens  
Treasurer— William Kerner ..... Utica  
Trustee— Louis Schoenherr ..... Utica  
Trustee— Clayton Pohly ..... Fraser  
Trustee— Lawrence Baumgartner ..... Warren  
Trustee— August Swirtz ..... Utica

## 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

### NEW HAVEN

President ..... Carl Hartsig  
Clerk ..... A. J. Bennett  
Treasurer ..... Helen Adelaide Bates

### RICHMOND

President ..... John Fletcher  
Clerk ..... Dave A. Martin  
Treasurer ..... Grace Ferguson

### ROMEO

President ..... Joseph Rymill  
Clerk ..... William Oming  
Treasurer ..... Grace R. McKay

### ROSEVILLE

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

## HISTORY of MACOMB COUNTY

Revision by Maurice A. Vincent

The Daily Monitor-Leader, Mount Clemens

If they could change expression, the grim visages of Indians and the rugged features of hardy pioneers depicted in the granite facade atop the Macomb County Building would gaze down in stony amazement at the changes wrought during the 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 350,000 people who call it home (the present population is expected to double by 1980): old and new Americans who enjoy Macomb County's living, culture, education and recreation.

Included in this swelling population are refugee families who fled the misery they had known behind the Iron Curtain of Europe. At least a dozen families who fought in the recent Hungarian revolution against the Communists now call this area home.

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 elays 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 lake-shore, 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.

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:

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

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 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 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 78 and 83).

An act of April 2, 1838, removed some territory from Orange (Erin and Lake) and added it to Hickory (Warren Township, whose people early in 1957 voted to incorporate as a home rule city), 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 Romco 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 (now the City of 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: 14 townships, 9 cities, five villages and a dozen well populated hamlets which are villages and cities in the making.

Within the past two years, as a matter of fact, Warren Township became the county's largest (65,000 population) city, and the Village of Fraser (population about 2,500) also switched to city status.

A tremendous boost to the new city of Fraser's economy is being felt by the opening of a new \$16,000,000 modern plant, the Cross Manufacturing

Company, termed the nation's first automation machine manufacturing firm. The building occupies some 67 acres and employs approximately 550 workers.

Only recently, the 42,000 people of Roseville voted to change to city status and a charter commission is now drawing up a city charter. The Township of Erin will be incorporated in the city limits.

Faced by swelling populations, at least two other townships (Harrison and Clinton) are considering city status.

Harrison is now undergoing a population survey prior to a vote on the city question. Clinton has just completed an incorporation-annexation study which may determine, in the immediate future, whether the area incorporates as a city or annexes all or a portion to Mount Clemens.

The two cases just cited are not yet resolved, but they serve to point up the tremendous growth felt in Macomb County within the past decade.

In Mount Clemens, the county seat, available land for residential and commercial building is at a premium and city officials are desperately seeking means of expanding its boundaries.

One plan... incorporation of all of Clinton township... has already been presented to the Macomb County Board of Supervisors which referred the petitions asking for a special incorporation election to its civil counsel for study.

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 more 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 Detroitier, 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.

At 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.

Although the bath industry has failed to maintain its peak capacity in recent years (some of the largest bath houses have been sold and torn down to make room for municipal improvements such as city parking lots) there is now a resurgence spurred by far-sighted merchants and hotel owners. The Medea Hotel, one of the largest remaining bath houses, is being renovated in anticipation of a new era in the industry.

Not to be overlooked is the Macomb County waterfront industry where at the present time a record number of boats are docked during the winter and set forth during the summer for a day of fishing or cruising on Lake St. Clair. This industry is also numbered in the multi-million dollar class.

A stunning blow to the heavy industry picture in Mount Clemens was felt recently when the Electromaster Division of Philco closed its doors. This plant, along with the long-established Mount Clemens Pottery and Ironrite Ironer, Inc., comprised the "Big Three" of Mount Clemens industry.

The slack caused by Philco's withdrawal was hurriedly taken up, however, when it was announced that the Ford Motor Car Co., of Detroit had purchased the plant for manufacture of plastic auto parts.

Once Ford begins operating the plant, new jobs will be available and a general resurgence in the city's economy will be felt, observers believe.

But no record should be closed without mention of the growing might of South Macomb as an industrial giant, particularly the City of Warren, once known by the rustic name of "Hickory." Warren's industry, now flourishing, reached its proudest height during World War II and the Korean conflict 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'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 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.

Standing head and shoulders above other communities in Macomb County as far as industry is concerned, the City of Warren, once the "Hickory Township" of 1838, today has an assessed valuation above \$222,657,345 or just about double its 1953 valuation.

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 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 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 1957 population of more than 350,000; an area growing daily with great expectations.

Its valuation is more than \$558,902,925. Its governmental and administrative functions are centered in the 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  $2\frac{1}{4}$  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 improvement 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 costing about \$250,000 has just been completed to house juveniles under the jurisdiction of the Probate Court.

Construction of a \$400,000 addition to the Martha T. Berry Hospital to house contagious patients and to provide offices for the Health Department and the Agricultural Agent's offices is expected this summer.

The county's 481 square-mile laud area is home for some 350,000 persons, according to recent surveys made by the Daily Monitor-Leader and Detroit Edison, and a population double that figure is expected in 1980.

Early 1957 surveys by the Detroit Regional Planning Commission reveal that Macomb County's current population has risen 63 per cent over the 184,961 population figure recorded by the 1950 federal census.

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.

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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)