



The Nichols School. It used to be at Farmington and 13 Mile Roads.

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Travel down this history-paved road

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Whether you are 18 or 80, you can remember the multitude of changes that have taken place in the Farmington area.

On this nostalgic trip to yesterday, keep in mind that you probably will not recall all of the below, for some of the events and places go back to the turn of the century.

- Do you remember
 - When an airport existed on Orchard Lake Road between 12 and 13 Mile?
 - The Owen House, a boarding house/hotel, which was on the corner of Grand River and Farmington Road?
 - Dr. Halsted's office in the Owen House?
 - When the Masonic Temple was called the Town Hall?
 - When Rex Cawley was a medalist in the 1964 Olympics?
 - When there was five fractional

footprints in history

school districts in Farmington Township?

- When there was a town of North Farmington?
- When DUR tracks ran along Grand River, Orchard Lake and Farmington Roads?
- When the Powerhouse for the DUR was in use?
- The Grace Hotel on Grand River? There is a parking lot there today.
- The Nichols School on Farmington Road near 13 Mile?
- The tree that sat in the intersection of Farmington and 13 Mile?
- The water tower in the Kenbrook subdivision?
- When subdivision streets were straight?

- When Power Road went all the way to 12 Mile?
- The Farmington Union School?
- The Thayer School?
- The old Fairview School?
- Superintendent O.E. Dunkel?
- When basketball games were held in the Town Hall?
- When Farmington Road came up McGee Hill next to the Baptist Church?
- When the Universalist Church was on Shilawasee?
- When the Cook Building was called the Warner Block?
- When Fred Warner was governor?
- Farmington's centennial celebration?
- The LaSalle winery?

- The Amis Otis lumber yard? (The Farmington Lumber Yard?)
- Pauline's market on Farmington Road?
- The Farmington Enterprise? (Some people still call the Observer by that name.)
- The Farmington State Saving Bank? (Now the Village Mall.)
- The Melody Circus at the Botsford Inn?
- The Park Garage on Grand River near Farmington Road?
- The Band Stand near the Masonic Temple?
- The first Founder's Festival in 1955?
- Buckhorn Corners? (12 and Inkster.)
- The Ladies Literary Club?
- When there was no speed limits in Farmington or Michigan?
- Bond School?
- The Oakwoods Subdivision dream?
- When Drake Road was smooth? (Was it ever?)

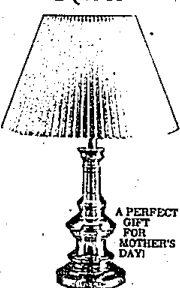
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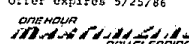
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