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at 19, I met my future wife — so the building has special meaning to me.

"1911 was the year changes began to take place in Farmington. The Eastern Michigan Edison Company was granted a franchise to build an electric line into Farmington. The pole line reached town on Sept. 1, and lights were turned on Saturday night, Oct. 28."

Bush, the eldest of six children, is the descendant of the Bush family who has owned property at the southeast corner of 13 Mile and Halsted roads for more than 160 years. Her recollections of Farmington in the late 1950s and 1960s capture a sense of the rapid pace of change the area has experienced in the last three decades:

"I remember going with my father, Harvey Bush, to check his trap lines. He was one of the last trappers in this area and was often called upon to 'trap a varmint,' who was unwanted. I would mostly watch and not assist too much when he would skin the fures, muskrat, and if we were lucky, an occasional mink."

"My sisters, brother and I spent time skidding on the northeast corner of 13 Mile and Haggerty, now apartments and single-family homes; also on Halsted Road, between 12 and 13 Mile, now condos. We also enjoyed skating just down the road from our house — all developed now."

"I can remember going to the small store on the southwest corner of 12 Mile and Halsted where Miami Blue Water Pools is now. That was previously the site of a one-room school, which my dad attended, as was subsequently converted to a small store. It was a treat to get a large penny pretzel there."

"Going to Leon Marsh's on 14 Mile Road during shearing seasons was fun. It was entertaining to watch the sheep in all their fun. Leon still lives in the same house but has sold off all his farm for single-family homes."

"One of my summer jobs was working at a fruit stand along Halsted Road, just south of 12 Mile, where the Farmington Hills Department of Public Works is now."



Nostalgic memories: Mary Bush (left) and her siblings are descendants of the Bush family, who has owned property at the southeast corner of 13 Mile and Halsted roads for more than 160 years. Pictured left to right is Mary holding Becky, Jane, John, Sue and Kay Bush.

"Most of the undeveloped, vacant land is gone now. Things certainly have changed in my short 39 years here in Farmington Hills. When I go home to see my mother now — who still lives in the home I grew up in — I drive on a paved, natural-beauty road with a lot of other cars. My mom still wishes the road was

dirt. "It used to be very few cars went down 13 Mile Road, and the ones that did, we knew the occupants. In fact, it was so infrequently traveled that at one time our dog found it a nice place to lounge in the summer and would politely move when a car did come along."

Cranbrook 'Science on Move' program expands

Cranbrook's "Science on the Move" program expands in September, thanks to a \$21,000 Skillman Foundation grant for the outreach program.

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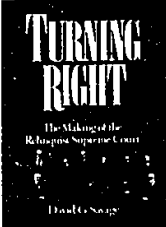
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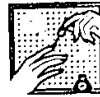
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