

1834 — Michigan Territory included present States of Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and part of Dakota.

1837 — Rev. John D. Pierce became the first Superintendent of Public Instruction.

1842 — Detroit had the first free tax supported school in the State.

1905 — Michigan State Highway Department was created.

**John Says:**



I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the entire office staff and all our companies to wish each and everyone of you a very happy holiday season.

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**CLAPPISON and CONROY**  
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**First Baptist Plans Cantata**

Harold D. West, Music Director of the First Baptist Church of Farmington, announces that the Adult Choir will present "The Christmas Cantata" on Friday evening, December 20, at 8 p.m.

This wonderfully moving portrayal of the Christmas story in song and narration will be a presentation long to remember and should prove to be a most fitting beginning to Christmas activities.

THE SOPRANO soloist will be Mrs. Judith Stichter; tenor soloist Mr. Alan Stichter; and the baritone solo will be sung by Mr. Harold West. Mrs. Alice Douglas will accompany on the piano and Mrs. Shirley Hart on the organ. Narration will be delivered by Pastor Walter Ballinger. We fully anticipate that this rendition of Peterson's "Born a King" will be the highlight of our musical presentations at the First Baptist Church of Farmington during the Christmas season. We cordially invite all interested friends and residents of the area to join us for this memorable evening. The church is located at the corner of Farmington Road and Sbiawassee and nursery care will be provided for the very young children.

ANOTHER SPECIAL program planned for this Christmas season is the annual Bible School Program which will be presented on Sunday evening, December 22, at 6:30 p.m.

Many children in the Bible School will have a part to play in this program and the evening will be climaxed by the Christmas pageant, "On the Road to Bethlehem."

**Head of Paragon Co. Dead Of Heart Attack at 52**

Mr. Frank DePodesta of 22835 Walsingham Drive in Farmington Township was stricken with a fatal heart attack December 11 at his residence. He was 52 years old.

Funeral services were held on Monday, December 16, at 11 a.m. from the McCabe Funeral Home, 1830 Grand River Avenue. The Rev. A. Curtis Miller officiated. Burial was at Acacia Park Cemetery.

Mr. DePodesta was the President and Chairman of the Board at the Paragon Bridge and Steel Company in Novi. He was also a member of the Advisory Board of the National Bank of Detroit's Farmington Branch.

MR. DEPODESTA was born February 18, 1911, in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He came to Detroit in 1925. He started in the construction business in 1941.

Mr. DePodesta was instrumental in the forming of the Paragon Bridge and Steel Company which was first located on Eight Mile Road. The Company's operations were moved to their present location in Novi in 1951.

Mr. DePodesta was a well known man in all fields of construction with most prominence in the highway bridges and structural steel building areas.

HE INTRODUCED the adjustable tri-level railroad cars for transporting automobiles. He was instrumental in developing many railroad car equipment and material handling innovations.

He was a member of the City of St. Louis Lodge #52, F and A M, Moslem Temple Shrine, Farmington Shrine Club, Huron Valley Hunt Club, Meadowbrook Golf and Country Club, The Hecess Club of Detroit, the Traffic Club of Detroit and the American Institute of Steel Construction.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Gail Perrin and Mrs. Nancy Sabath; one son, Frank J. of Farmington; three grandchildren; three brothers; and three sisters.



FRANK DEPODESTA

Two Local Students Earn MSU Degrees

Two Farmington residents were among 1,254 students at Michigan State University awarded degrees at the fall term commencement ceremonies. A. L. Ostreich of 23493 Herndonwood received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Science.

Joyce Williams of 32715 Grand River Avenue received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education.

**Township Board Proceedings**

A Regular Meeting of the Farmington Township Board was called to order on December 9, A.D. 1963 at 8:05 p.m. by Mr. Curt Hall, Chairman. Members present were: Curt Hall, Mayor; Bassette, Walter and Duke. Absent none.

MOTION by Walter supported by Cairns to nominate Earl Opperhauser of 9216 Balmire to fill the Township Board Vacancy.

MOTION by Duke supported by Bassette that the nomination be closed.

MOTION by Duke supported by Walter that by unanimous ballot Earl Opperhauser fill the unexpired term of Peter Oisell. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays, carried unanimously.

MOTION by Duke, supported by Bassette that the Le 214 of Kemerton Park Subdivision be rezoned from RA-4 to L1-L. Roll call vote: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays, carried unanimously.

MOTION by Cairns supported by Bassette that final approval of rezoning be given to S.E. corner of Section 7, at Twelve Mile and Grand from RA-4 to B-1. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays, carried unanimously.

MOTION by Walter supported by Avery that the zoning Board recommendation for rezoning of 7.02 acres at the rear of Botsford Hospital consisting of 883.39 feet on Independence and 200 feet of Colwell Street from RA-4 to RC (Multiple). Roll Call Vote: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays, carried unanimously.

MOTION by Duke supported by Cairns that we authorize payment of Vouchers 12427 through 13648 inclusive, and Vouchers 1182 through 12426 inclusive, from the appropriate funds. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays, carried unanimously.

MOTION by Cairns supported by Duke that the Supervisors be authorized to add two officers to the police force at his discretion. 6 Yeas, 0 Nays, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
 FLOYD A. CAIRNS  
 Township Clerk.

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REG. 29c <b>BREMIL LIQUID</b> 13-ounce size OUR LOW PRICE <b>21c</b>	REG. 1.09 <b>REM Cough Syrup</b> 6-ounce bottle OUR LOW PRICE <b>89c</b>
REG. 98c Pacquin's Dry Skin <b>HAND CREAM</b> with FREE 39c TUBE OUR LOW PRICE <b>66c</b>	REG. 1.59 Gillette 2-Pc. <b>GIFT SET</b> Fanny shave bomb; Sun-up after shave. OUR LOW PRICE <b>99c</b>
<b>CANDY CANES</b> BOX OF 12 <b>49c</b>	<b>SPUMONI—EGG NOG or FRUIT and NUT</b>
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