

# Franklin

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Her writing talent was first noticed in the sixth grade when all students were given a special English exam. Those who did well were put in a special class and allowed to skip first year English. This small group is now taking English V, an advanced course in all types of writing. In the News contest Shirley also received a third place commendation for her essay, "Don't be a Perfect Gentleman."

Below (in a condensed version) is her history of Franklin which won her the key award.

## The Town That Time Forgot

By SHIRLEY BUNNELL

The peaceful, rolling countryside slips by as the car travels along Franklin road. On the peak of one hill we can see for miles in every direction.

At the bottom of the hill slumps an old, weather-beaten, dull brown building. It greatly resembles a rectangular shoe box, standing up on one end. The building is two stories high with a few tiny windows.

There are two protruding additions to the main structure, one at each side. One of them is a booth-like partition. At the foot of the other is a huge case with a glass window containing antiques. A flight of stairs leads to the entrance. It was not built on the floor level of the main building. With curiosity we reach the sign, "Franklin Over Mill."

OVER THE BRINK of the hill, the street is bordered by a few houses with green, spacious lawns, some buildings, and two gas stations.

Another hill, and there is a modern school building on the left-hand side of the street. Then comes the peaceful, rolling countryside.

This is Franklin Village, "The Town That Time Forgot." Let's back up and take another look at this quaint little village and its long history.

The first settler of Franklin was Dillucene Stoughton. He came in the spring of 1824 and purchased 80 acres of land, now the eastern half of the village.

A year later Elijah Bullock, his wife and son, George, bought 240 acres on the west side of the main street.

THE VILLAGE developed more rapidly than the other parts of Southfield township. Nearly all the trades of the township began here. The first school was established here and the first professional man started in Franklin.

It was known as Stoughton and Bullock settlement when Dr. Ebenzer Raynold, a young physician, came from Pennsylvania in the spring of 1828. There were seven families in the settlement.

Henry S. Smith built the first frame house on the east side of the main street. The post office was established in the fall and named Franklin.

Also in 1828 a log cabin school was erected, with Miss Sophia Gouge as the first teacher.

IN THE SUMMER of 1829 Stoughton built the first brick house in the township and one of the first in the county. It was convenient to build brick houses, for brick could easily be obtained at Biclow's brick yards nearby.

Many settlers began streaming in. In 25-days 40 families had settled within four miles of Franklin.

The first public log house was built in 1830, the year when Southfield became a township. This is also the date of the opening of the first store.

A STONES THROW from the present day post office stands a group of buildings. About 125 years ago they were the blacksmith's cottage, the blacksmith shop, a carriage shop and a drug store. They were completed in 1831. Business prospered.

Miss Mary Glass, antique dealer and collector, purchased the buildings in 1936. They were unpaired, run down and neglected; she supervised the reconditioning. With the exception of present day heating and plumbing, they are the same as they were in the time of Coultion, the blacksmith.

DR. EBENEZER Raynold helped to form the state constitution at Detroit in May 1850. He served two years in the state Senate.

Edward Matthews, a man from New York, purchased land and made preparation for building a mill. He was forced to abandon his project because of finances.

Peter Van Every bought the land and finished building the mill. A huge overshoot water wheel was added 35 years ago, then and yet, one of the largest in Michigan. In the early years of the mill, wheat was ground or exchanged for flour. Later on custom grinding was done there.

THE MILL appears practically the same now as it was then. However, on a fall afternoon, instead of teams of oxen and horses with wagons lined up in front, there are lines of people of all sizes and ages.

There are "one or more policemen to keep traffic unsmothered," is the comment of one of Franklin's oldest citizens, Bert Wood. The only change that has been made is the installation of necessary equipment for making cider and creating electricity.

In the village during the 1870's there were three physicians, a church, a school house, a post office, a temperance hotel, two flour mills, three general stores, a drug store, a hardware store and tin shop, four blacksmith's shops and two wagon shops.

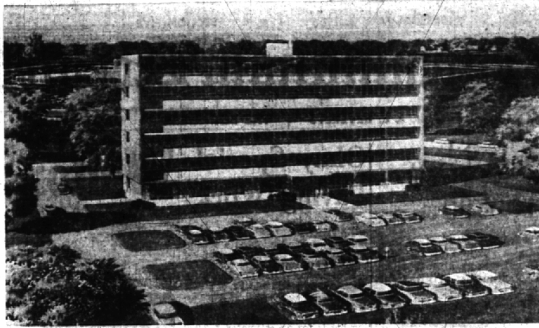
In 1903, 57 villagers banded together to build the town hall. It was built and organized by the Franklin Public Hall Association. From 1903 until 1920 when they turned the hall over to the Century Association. The Franklin Community Association purchased the building and rights in March 1938.

Not until the 1950's did Franklin become an incorporated village. The villagers voted on the question of incorporation in October, 1953. On June 15, 1954, the charter of Franklin was drawn up.

In the village now (1956) are two grocery stores, a post office, a dry cleaners, three real estate offices, a haberdashery, an antique shop, a cider mill, two gas stations, a hardware store, a fire station, and a community hall.

THE OLD TEMPERANCE hotel has been converted into a nursery and kindergarten school.

There are two church organizations in the village. The Christian Science Church is now holding its services in the Community Hall. It is going to move presently into the church being vacated by the Franklin Community church whose



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## Rules

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warning a lookout should be posted to keep safety officials advised of the tornado's approach. Advance preparation should be made for shutting off electrical circuits and fuel lines if the tornado approaches the plant. Workers should be moved to sections of the plant of

members are building a new colonial-styled church on the village green, a huge grassy plot on which all outdoor village events are held.

TUCKED in the corner of one of the real estate offices in the village library. It has only one room, but there is a good selection of books.

Although the village is tiny, it is a busy place. Cars are always lined along the side of the main street. Everyone knows everybody and the village is a close-knit family. Homes have spacious green lawns with big shady trees.

Yes, Franklin Village is truly "the town that time forgot" and here is gracious, friendly living, offering the greatest protection.

Keep calm. It will not help to get excited. People have been killed by running out into streets and by turning back into the path of a tornado.

EVEN though a warning is issued, chances of a tornado striking one's home or location are very slight. Tornadoes cover such a small zone, as a rule, that relatively few places in a warned area are directly affected. You should know about tornadoes, though, "just in case."

Keep tuned to your radio or television station for latest tornado advisory information. Do not report a tornado, as your individual request may tie up telephone lines urgently needed to receive special reports or to relay advisories in radio and television stations for dissemination to thousands in the critical area.

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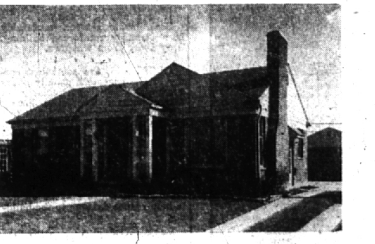
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## Air Line Pilots Elect Capt. J. J. Russell

W. BEVERLY—Capt. J. J. Russell of 12113 W. 14 Mile road, was elected council chairman, representing Capital air line pilots, at recent Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) annual elections.

Local council officers serve on the Master Executive Councils of the ALPA, and the association's board of directors which is the highest governing and policy-making body of the ALPA.



**2ND LT. WILLIAM R. Aikens**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Berton A. Aikens, Jr., of Wing Lake road, has completed the five-month basic course for Marine officers at Quantico, Va. He has been transferred to San Francisco, Calif., for assignment overseas.

Among the natural resources attracting industry to Michigan are vast amounts of iron ore, gypsum, limestone, salt and copper. Union Carbide, Hooker Electrochemical, and DuPont are three industries which recently located in Michigan because of the state's large storehouse of salt and brine.

Are you thinking of buying a new home? Then read the "For Sale — Houses" columns on the Classified Ad page of this week's Eccentric.

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Sparkling white new Colonial Farmhouse, custom-built with a highly functional interior in which a delightful open feeling predominates.

Paneled over-sized library has special built-in features.

Huge picture window in the dining room.

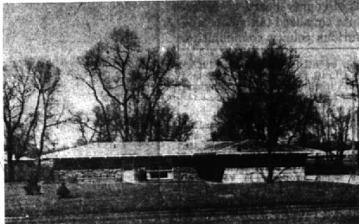
Large breakfast room perfect not only for family use, but a boon as well to the hostess when entertaining.

Yellow Thermador oven and stove enhance the kitchen.

Four large bedrooms and two tiled baths complete with built-in vanities and large mirrors. Also a deluxe powder room.

Fireplace of imported marble with a raised hearth in the living room. Spacious slate entrance hall.

Situated in the Quanton district on a very deep lot, 100' wide, this distinctive Colonial is the only home of its style and quality in the area at the price of \$48,500!



Contemporary! This 1954 built ranch is near Devon Gables on a beautifully landscaped, deep site, and furthermore, backs up to adjoining property of natural beauty that will continue to remain unchanged.

Beamed-ceiling living room with a fireplace.

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