**B'field Twp. Spans Two Eras**

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Like any suburban area, Bloomfield Township has two historical phases—its settling as a rural community and its modern development as a suburban community.

Fortunately, both eras span the lives of the two men who have served the township government in its transition period, supervisor Homer Case and treasurer Arno Hulet. From their facts, figures, and memories, the modern history is easily available.

But also, both family roots that extend back beyond Civil War days, so that the flavor of more ancient history has been transmitted to them. In addition, Hulet has a lively interest in the early settlement days of Oakland County, and I am indebted to him for early source material.

The three earliest settlers of Bloomfield—John Hunter, John Hemminger, and Elijah White—of course, the original township settlement was a part of the township until it became a city in 1933.

HILLS POST OFFICE OF THE 50's

Now located on E. Long Lake.

**Franklin Minister Built Oldest Home**

Bloomfield Township's oldest home stands on the crest of a hill on Wing Lake Road. Built in 1833, by Deacon Elijah Bull, to shelter his bride, Melinda, and later his 10 children, it now is the home of the Junior William E. Chickerings and their family: Charles, 12, Jane, 16, Betsy, 8, and Anna, 5, and Addie 3 years of age.

Deacon Bull was a founder of the first church in Franklin, and built his home on the shore of Wing Lake just west of the present home. He came from northern New York state, and settled on land he had received to Austin E. Wing in 1821.

**Sticky Situation**

The two booms of the Wing Lake and Bloomfield Fishing Club christened "Maid of the Mud" and "Ah Goo" were deposited in the house by placing them on Wing Lake and Woodward, in front of the Barbour Building, and which also housed the fire department.

When NORMAN John and Adams advertising agency moved to Bloomfield Hills in 1932, this post office was no longer an adequate site to handle the greatly increased volume of mail. A new postal building was built on Long Lake Road, just west of Woodward Avenue.

By 1958 there were six delivery routes and 12 employees, but once again the building became too small and the present post office on Wing Lake Road was built.

Containing 8,004 square feet of usable and employing 40 persons, the facility delivers mail on 13 bus routes serving parts of Bloomfield Township.