

# Freeways Linked To State 'Greats'

Giants of Detroit politics and industry live on in the names of the five freeways that will crisscross the city which put the world on wheels.

The names give a sense of history to the ribbons of concrete.

The Lodge Freeway was named for a unique figure in politics—John C. Lodge, who held public office for nearly 50 years without campaigning.

Charles and Albert—formed the Fisher Body Co. in 1908. As the younger Fishers finished school, they joined the company. In 1919, the firm became a division of General Motors and four of the Fishers became executives of the giant corporation.

The proposed new Jeffries Freeway—the Detroit section of the Detroit-Muskegon route—will be named for Edward J. Jeffries, Jr., mayor of Detroit from 1938 to 1948.

EXCEPT FOR two years, 1948-49, Jeffries served Detroit in elected positions as councilman, council president and mayor from 1932 to 1950.

Jeffries became mayor at a point when confidence in the city had been shaken by grand jury dis-

closures of corruption in government. He helped restore the city's credit and reputation.

Jeffries was elected to his first term as councilman at the age of 31. He is credited with starting the planning for Detroit's Civic Center development.

He was the son of Edward J. Jeffries, Sr., a Recorder's Court Judge for 35 years.

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killed three and injured 237, increases of two in deaths and 64 in injured compared with 1962.

All three rural fatalities were drivers whose vehicles collided with school buses. In addition, there was an urban fatality when a school bus in a city ran over a child who had alighted from it.

ASSOCIATED TYPE accidents those involving injury to children

before boarding and after leaving the buses—totalled 11. None was killed in this type accident for the fourth successive year.

The 11 injured was one less than in 1962 and the lowest total in the 16 years for which records are available.

Other associated type accidents—

those involving vehicles affected by the stopping of the buses—numbered 217, the same as in 1962. There were no deaths but 171 were injured, compared with one fatality and 161 injured the year before.

Continuing an increase trend, 600,000 pupils were transported daily in 7,350 buses which traveled 71 millions miles during the 1963-64 school year.

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**LODGE HELPED** draft the 1908 State Constitution and the city's non-partisan charter in 1918. He saw his city grow from 42,000 to one of the largest in the country.

Lodge was clerk of the County Board of Auditors in 1897, worked as a newspaperman later, and was elected to the State Legislature as a House member in 1907. He came back to serve eight terms on the old Detroit Board of Aldermen.

In 1927, Lodge was elected mayor. His only political defeat came two years later when Charles Bowles was elected mayor. Bowles was recalled nine months later. Lodge won a Council seat in 1931 and served until his retirement in 1947. He died in 1950 at the age of 89.

**EISEL FORD**, the only son of the automobile pioneer Henry Ford, is honored by the Ford Freeway. Eisel was president of the Ford Motor Co. from 1919 until his death in 1943.

Eisel Ford, an industrialist schooled largely by his father, was also president of the city's Art Commission from March 1, 1925, until his death in 1943.

Two new freeways under construction were named for Walter P. Chrysler, founder of the city's largest employer, Chrysler Corp., and the seven Fisher Brothers, pioneers in the manufacture of automobile bodies.

Chrysler, whose career started with the railroads, joined the automobile industry as works manager for Buick Motor Co. in Flint at \$6,000 a year. By 1915, Chrysler's salary was \$50,000 a year and he was president of Buick.

**LATER CHRYSLER** was the industrial troubleshooter who restored the Willys-Overland Co. and the Maxwell-Chalmers Co. to financial health. He built the first Chrysler car in 1924.

When the Chrysler Corp. was 10 years old, its founder had paid out his original \$8 million investment into a \$235 million empire. Chrysler died in 1940 at the age of 68.

The Fishers—Frederick J.



## Legal Notices

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—in the Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

In the Matter of the Estate of Blanche Thomas, Deceased.

At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 7th day of July A. D. 1964.

Present, Hon. Donald E. Adams, Judge of Probate.

Richard M. Thomas, Successor Trustee and National Trustee of Detroit as Trustee of said estate having filed in said Court their final account of said estate, trustee and bequest account of trustee and petition praying for the annulment and allowance thereof and the allowance of fees.

It is ordered, that the 22nd day of September A. D. 1964 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Court in the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

It is further Ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered or certified mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further Ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

DONALD E. ADAMS  
Judge of Probate

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Mary Pise, Register of the said Probate Court, do hereby Certify that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original record thereof, now remaining in this office, and have found the same to be a correct transcript thereof, and the whole of each original record.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Probate Court at Pontiac, this 7th day of July A. D. 1964.

MARY PISE  
Register of Probate Court  
Oakland County, Michigan.

(Seal) 28-21-22

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