

Housing Rises Faster Than Population

Population failed to increase as fast as the number of housing units in southeastern Michigan.

And the fastest growing group in the population is "single"-persons living alone.

These were some of the basic findings of the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

The seven counties of southeastern Michigan showed a 13.1 per cent population increase during the 1960s—from 4,181,344 to 4,731,655.

Selected housing data for the seven counties compiled by SEMCOG shows that there was a 15.6 per cent increase in the total number of housing units available—from 1,289,833 to 1,491,028. This data includes both housing that is inadequate and

42,391 vacant units, some new and many old.

FOR THE entire region, the median value of owner-occupied residences increased 50 per cent for the decade, from \$13,200 in 1960 to \$19,800 in 1970, according to the census data.

It showed that region-wide, renter-occupied housing increased 16 per cent (from 344,737 to 400,288 units) and that median gross rent rose 23.8 per cent from \$80 in 1960 to \$103 in 1970.

Oakland County, with a 217,615 increase to a total population of 907,871, showed the greatest numerical increase of the counties. Livingston (plus 54.3 per cent) and Macomb (plus 54.1 per cent) had the greatest percentage increases.

A population gain of 159,116 in suburban Wayne County was offset by a loss within the City of Detroit of 158,662 so that during the decade, Wayne County's total population was virtually stabilized (2,666,297 in 1960 vs. 2,666,751 in 1970).

Data previously published by SEMCOG showed that nine of the 41 suburban communities in Wayne County also lost population during the Sixties.

These were Brownstown Township (because of incorporation as separate com-

unities of part of its area), Dearborn, Grosse Pointe Farms, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Inkster, Lincoln Park, River Rouge, and Wyandotte.



GRADUATES — Twelve deputies from the Wayne County sheriff's department were among 24 police officers who made up the first graduating class of the new Wayne County Sheriff-Police Training Academy. Starting last Feb. 8, the officers received 256 hours of intensive training in all phases of police work. Speakers at the graduation exercises included Wayne County Prosecutor William Cahalan; Col. John Platts, director of Michigan State Police; and Sheriff William Lucas. (Observer photo by Maurie Walker)

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Indians Thank Bunny, Suburban Friends

"What gorgeous goodies and lovely articles!"

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The writers were a priest and a group of nuns who work with Indians in the Harbor Springs area near Traverse Bay, and they were thanking Observerland residents for a truckload of food, household items and toys they received a week ago.

The nuns at Holy Childhood Indian Mission wrote on behalf of the 114 children, ages six to 16, in their school.

"Our first reaction when we beheld that marvelous array of wonderful commodities was, 'Who says there is no Easter bunny?'"

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Among the gifts were: 10 large boxes of household goods, 111 cartons of clothing, 32 cartons of toys, six bicycles, a bicycle pump, a ping pong table, a box spring and mattress, 33 hams, 2,300 cans of food, 500 toy cars—to mention a few things.

Said Hank Chrusciel, chairman of the project: "You have the satisfaction of knowing that 100 per cent of all contributions, regardless of what they are, go directly to the Michigan Indian aid."

Ban Closed-Circuit Sports TV -- Ford

WASHINGTON

Congressman William D. Ford (D-15th District) has co-sponsored a bill in the House of Representatives to ban the virtual all sports events from closed-circuit television, and force promoters to use home television and radio for broadcasting such activities.

Ford explained that the legislation would flatly ban the broadcast of sports events over closed-circuit TV whenever a radio or television network or station would be willing to broadcast it.

"I am convinced that free home television and radio are perfectly capable of providing a reasonable profit to the promoters of any major sports event of general interest," Ford said.

AND THE REV. Flavius Cuba, at Cross Village, said: "We are having some success in helping the Indians and poor whites become self-sufficient."

"When help is necessary, we give it to them, but to save their pride, I sometimes require a nominal payment like 25 cents for about \$20 worth of clothing, etc."

Ford predicted that, unless action were taken, the American public might soon find itself deprived of the right to watch top sports events in the comfort of their home.

"We have found this method very satisfactory and have developed most of the poor to be independent (to some extent). Just like you and many others, I too do not appreciate those who do not try to help themselves but rely completely on charity."

"For example, Joe Frazier and Mohammed Ali each received \$2.5 million for their recent closed-circuit television fight. This same amount was paid by NBC for home TV rights to the 1971 Super Bowl, which provided handsome profits for the 40 players on each team and the team owners as well as the National Football League."

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