

Action in Dynamic Plymouth Community is Go!

The Plymouth community, which includes the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, a portion of Canton Township and Northville Township and a small section of Superior Township in Washtenaw County, is generally considered one of the fastest growing sections in Western Wayne County.

The community is all of that area within the confines of the school district with the City and the Township as the major portions.

Actually, the City has an area of 2.27 square miles and the Township boundaries include 15.94 square miles. The City is entirely surrounded by the Township.

The Township and City have a combined population of 21,400 as of estimates taken in 1965 with the projected growth of 27,000 by 1970. This could be accelerated by the influx of industry, a factor that may well throw all of the estimates out of proportion.

The area has shown a tremendous growth ever since 1940 when census figures at that time showed a population of 7,630. This climbed to 11,618 in 1950, to 17,130 in 1960 and then to 18,700 in 1963 and 20,050 in 1964 before reaching the present high of 21,400.

The people of Plymouth are gainfully employed in 40 local industries, a number of area industries and approximately 150 trade establishments. Many commute to Detroit and make their home in Plymouth.

Twenty-three local churches are an important part of life in the Plymouth Community, together with numerous civic and social clubs. A modern and comprehensive shopping area provides excellent facilities for shopping "at home." A growing trend to "colonialize" local establishments, adds a sparkle and uniqueness to the community.

An active Symphony Orchestra, Theater Guild and Adult Education

Programs and a Senior Citizens' Club provide a variety of diversions. Situated at the gateway of Michigan's Water Wonderland, the outdoorsman or just plain loafer can find about anything he wants . . . the hills, lakes, rivers, resorts and woods.

The community is compact and efficient, blessed with fine schools, a high standard of living, and the opportunity to sustain a rich and meaningful life.

Plymouth area has 6071 dwelling units as reported in 1965. Houses are being constructed in keeping with the growth of the area. Apartment type dwellings are available in private homes, and in apartment buildings with three and four room units.

The Plymouth Community School is comprised of approximately 54 square miles of area, having nine elementary schools and three secondary schools. In the school year 1965-66, 6,744 students from the

City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, a part of Canton Township, a part of Northville Township, a part of Superior Township and a part of Salem Township are attending the public schools of the district.

The school district presently owns to elementary school sites in the school district which may be used at some future date for the construction of elementary school facilities as the need arises. One building is presently under construction.

The community is on the verge of the greatest industrial expansion in history, most of which is in Plymouth Township.

Ford Motor Co. is building a new plant on N. Sheldon Road, just north of Western Electric and just outside the city limits, that is expected to increase the number of workers in the area by more than 2,200 within two years.

Evans Products Co., which has its railroad equipment division in

Plymouth, has announced and just about completed expansions amounting to more than \$8 million in the past two years.

The division is at its highest level of production and recently received an order for more than 1,500 freight cars for the Plymouth facility and other plans affiliated with the division.

RCA, which has a plant in the City's Industrial Park on Plymouth Road, has plans on the drawing board for the expansion that is expected to double its present operations.

A new industrial park has been started on Ann Arbor Road near Lilley Road in the Township and already has two projects slated to locate there.

These are a huge warehouse for Spartan Stores Inc., and a printing facility for Metropolitan Printers of Detroit. Neither is under construction at the moment but both are expected to be completed in 1967 under present plans.

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