

### 3 Buildings Place Within Top Twenty

Three Birmingham area buildings were recently rated among the top 20 outstanding buildings or groups of buildings in the Detroit area by members of Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Cranbrook placed third, Kirk-in-the-Hills in Bloomfield Hills, 17th and Gregor Affleck House in Bloomfield Hills, 18th.

Asked to name both old and new buildings in over a dozen categories, including private residences, architects came up with a total of 180 buildings.

The buildings were judged to be outstanding either architecturally or from the standpoint of social significance.

### Report Locates New Center of Population

The center of population for the Detroit metropolitan area was located at approximately Seven Mile Road and Greenfield in 1950. This was the finding in a report co-operatively undertaken by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology of Wayne State University.

The report presents an analysis of the change of centers of population and Wayne counties) and in the city of Detroit. Data from the decennial censuses of 1930, 1940, 1950 and 1960 were analyzed to determine the location of the center of population at each period of time.

Since 1930 the center of population has moved in a northwesterly direction, reaching its greatest momentum during the 1950-1960 decade.

**THE NET EFFECT** of three decades of growth in the Detroit metropolitan area has been for the population center of the area to move over five miles west and four miles north from its location at Hamilton and Elmhurst in 1930.

The outward migration of the population center has resulted from the fact that the city of Detroit has been growing at a decreasing rate whereas the suburban areas have been growing at an increasing rate.

Further growth in these directions can be anticipated according to the report. Expansion to the north and west is unlimited, at least in terms of geography.

Looking at the future, it is safe to assume that by 1970 the center of population of the metropolitan area will no longer be within the city of Detroit. It will cross Eight Mile Road and probably approach Nine Mile Road.

It is just as probable that the center will continue toward the west to locate at a point between Southfield and Evergreen Road.

The center of population of the City of Detroit has followed closely the direction of movement in the entire metropolitan area. In 1960 this center was located at Fourteenth and Cortland Avenues, just west of Highland Park. The future movement of the center of population for Detroit is virtually certain to continue in a northwest direction for at least the next decade.

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Hazelwood: Kay Tucker, 30700 Pierce; Nomi White, 248 Greenwood; Don Depew, 1352 Holland; Lorene Graberg, 5651 Putnam; Mary Kramer, 2872 N. Adams; Pam Lolicano, 1779 Mansfield; Fay Walters, 768 Bird. They were assisted by Peggy Stafford, of The Birmingham Eccentric advertising staff. Results were announced recently.

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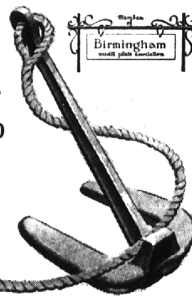
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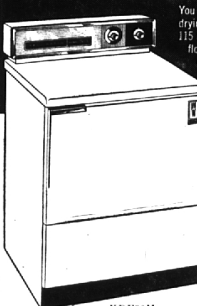
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