

Megalopolis: Strip Of Total Population

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Anniversary Diploma

Mrs. Frank C. Riecks of Birmingham was one of 21 women honored at a golden anniversary lecture given by the Wayne State University College of Education at the WSU campus. Mrs. Riecks, a 1914 graduate of Detroit Normal College, receives her anniversary diploma from WSU Alumni Director Homer Strong. Mrs. Wallace E. Reid, 2160 Northlawn, Birmingham, and a classmate of Mrs. Riecks', was unable to attend the session because of the death of her brother, Joseph Dodge, Detroit Normal College was predecessor to the WSU College of Education. Mrs. Riecks lives at 21300 13 Mile Rd.

Suburbs are Outside Cities

Since there is no generally accepted definition of suburban or suburb, a word should be said about the definition. The basic unit is the standard metropolitan statistical area, or SMSA.

This includes each city of 50,000 or over and the county in which it is located, as well as adjoining counties which meet certain criteria of social and economic integration with the central city.

In New England, towns are the building blocks rather than counties. There is also provision for recognition of twin cities, such as the two Texarkanas, which serve as central cities for their SMSA. Whether or not a city of 50,000 or over is classified as a central city depends on its relation to the largest city in the SMSA.

There were 212 SMSAs in 1960 with a population ranging from New York's 10.7 million to the 51.9 thousand reported for the Meriden, Conn. SMSA.

These 212 areas included nearly 70 per cent of the people of the United States. Their total population was more than 112 million in 1960, by 1968 it had grown further to 130 million.

Not surprisingly, only about 10 per cent of the people living in these SMSAs were classified as rural, and only 50 per cent as suburban. It was the suburban areas which registered most of the growth during the 1950's, increasing by nearly 50 per cent. The central cities meanwhile grew by only 10.7 per cent in the 10 years, but a part of this was due to annexations.

The larger and older cities generally had little opportunity for annexation and many of them lost population during the decade. Among the big five, only Los Angeles did not experience a decline; New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and Detroit each had fewer people in 1960 than in 1950 within their city limits.

Judge Edwards Will Speak at Scout Banquet

The Hon. George Edwards, Judge of the U. S. Circuit Court, will be the featured speaker on Dec. 29 at the annual banquet being held by Order of the Arrow Scouts, Explorers and leaders of the Detroit Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The meeting, to be held at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 1850 East McNichols Road, is the 14th such annual affair, and is expected to attract nearly 300 lodge members to hear Judge Edwards challenge them to take a more active citizenship role in their home, community and nation.

The Order of the Arrow is a national organization of Scouts, Explorers and adult leaders who have been selected by fellow Scouts and Scouters for their own units because of their record of leadership, camping, and Scout spirit. The Detroit Area Council boasts 14 District Chapters which comprise the Mt-Gi-Si O-Paw-Gan Lodge, with a membership of 1530 boys and adults.

FOUNDED IN 1915, the Order of the Arrow is primarily a service organization. Its members promote summer camp experiences for all boys in Scouting and serve in many capacities at various Scouting functions.

Boys elected to the Order, as Arrow Candidates, must meet certain requirements before they are inducted as official members. Continued service to the council and their own units can qualify the members to attain Brotherhood status, and finally, the highest rank, the Vigil Honor.

Because of limited space, Order of the Arrow members in this area are urged to get their annual meeting registration fee mailed to the Detroit Area Council as soon as possible. The address is 51 West Warren Avenue, Detroit, 48201.

State Has 15 Years To Double Freeways

Michigan must more than double the size of its freeway network within 15 years to keep pace with the state's anticipated growth, State Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie told members of the new state highway commission recently.

Mackie, speaking at the first meeting of the new commission which will succeed him, said: "Michigan now has more than 1,200 miles of freeway open to traffic and many people feel the job of catching up with our highway needs is finished."

"THE TRUTH IS that despite our record construction program in recent years, we are meeting only 70 per cent of our highway needs."

"We have not been building highways as fast as the auto industry is building cars. Your job will be to close the gap during the next 15 years. It will be no easy task."

Mackie said Michigan will need an estimated 3,100 miles of freeway by 1980 if it hopes to meet

the traffic needs of the state's growing economy.

"IN OTHER WORDS, Michigan must build more miles of freeway in the next 15 years than it has since the end of World War II."

Mackie also reported that: "The second five-year (1962-67) highway construction program, nearing its midway point, is 'on schedule.'"

"The State Highway Department has developed a third five-year program for the years 1967-72. 'It will be your job to review this program as soon as possible so that work on projects scheduled for 1967 and 1968 proceed on an orderly fashion.'"

"Plans for the new \$6.7 billion State Highway Department Headquarters in Lansing will be finished soon and bids for the new building taken in February of March of next year."

"Any raids on highway funds by the State Legislature will directly affect highway safety because the 'single most important

Recruit In Training At San Diego Base Airman Graduates From Jet Course

Seaman Recruit Ronald Mattson, U.S.N., son of Mrs. Marceline Mattson of 1966 Yosemite, Birmingham, was reported to recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.

Airman Third Class Larry D. Ryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Ryan of 2788 Pembroke, Birmingham, has graduated from the training course for U.S. Air Force jet aircraft mechanics at Amarillo AFB, Tex.

Airman Ryan, a graduate of Southeastern, is being reassigned to Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., for duty. The airman entered the Air Force in July.

Dear Santa Clause: Please may I have a doll house, and I would like a chatty doll please. I hope you are well and you have a very nice trip from the North Pole. I hope you will bring other boys and girls lots of toys. If you don't have any clothes, please send them some clothes.

Love,
Pammy Bagrow
966 Brooklawn Road,
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traffic safety measure is to build new highways and modernize old ones."

"You will not find a more dedicated group of people anywhere in state government," Mackie said. "Many of these people have worked under several state highway commissioners 'and they have performed well for all of them.'"

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