

Metropolis Goals Topic of Forum

The surging growth of metropolitan areas brings social, cultural and economic opportunities as well as problems of great complexity, according to experts.

As the population of Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, St. Clair, Washington and Wayne counties swells from 4 million to an estimated 10 million in the next 35 years, a means must be found of solving the accompanying problems from becoming increasingly acute.

The Forum on Detroit Area Metropolitan Goals, which will conduct its second annual conference on "Goals for our Exploding Metropolis" on June 3 at Detroit's Cobo Hall, will seek to define the means to solve growth problems. Open to the public, the Forum will explore community, economic, social-cultural, physical and governmental goals.

Among the highlights of the all day session will be a review of the progress made by the Forum to date by its president, Paul E. Brown, 4745 Ashshire Drive, Bloomfield Hills.

BROWN SAID that some 1,000 citizens from among all walks of life will attend the second annual grass-roots conference vital to their children's future. They will be joined by speakers including: Thomas E. Reid, director of Civic and Governmental Affairs, Ford Motor Company; Edward Conner, Common Council, City of Detroit; Minoru Yamazaki, Minoru Yamazaki & Associates; Joseph Rosa, president of Federal Department Stores and national treasurer of ACTION, Inc.; and Paul McCracken, professor of business conditions, School of Business Administration, University of Michigan.

As examples of topics to be opened, Brown cites both the water supply and transportation problems facing the exploding metropolis.

Projections show that within 35 years, the metropolitan region's present maximum water demand of 1 billion gallons per day will jump to 2.4 billion.

IN THE case of water supply, already a simple matter of neces-

sity among suburban communities has widened the area served by the Detroit water system to cover more homes outside Detroit than are served within the city, according to Gerald Remus, general manager of the system.

Remus emphasized "A problem for each local community and for us is the fact that time is of the essence. Average cost of construction of our type of sewer and water

facility has advanced an average of 4% each year since 1922. We have to think long-term, and to think big — and usually the individual community cannot."

On transportation, Brown pointed out that highways bind our region into a related whole as the citizens of the metropolitan community approach the future.

ACCORDING TO Irving Rubin,

executive assistant to Michigan State Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie, highway programs from 1957 to 1962 were devoted almost entirely to catching up on needs which should have been taken care of 10 years before.

The current 1962-67 program is about equally divided between taking care of past shortcomings and providing for the future. And not until 1967 will the emphasis really

New Public Schools Ended Era

There were several private school enterprises in the village of Birmingham before the coming of the public school system.

Perhaps the most famous and well-known of the schools was The Academy established about 1860 by Rev. S. N. Hill. Classes were held in rooms on the second floor of a long frame building on the southwest corner of Maple and Pierce streets.

Another private school was located on the west side of Woodward near the corner of Willets. Classes were held in a small brown frame building during the period

of about 1855 to 1885.

A private school for primary education, the school was taught by a number of teachers including Mrs. Jane Willets Hunt, Mrs. J. C. K. Crooks, Mattie Baldwin and a Miss Beardslee.

When the school disbanded, the building later became the co-operation of Samuel Patrick.

DURING THE EARLY 1860's a private school for boys was opened by James R. Corson, Sr. It was located in his home on Maple across the street from St. James Episcopal Church.

A private school for girls was also in operation under the stern hand of Mattie Baldwin. Classes were held in the Baldwin home on the north side of Maple near the present Baldwin School.

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