

## *Scotch Plains Today*



Our town is primarily residential. The location and natural advantages plus our up-to-date planning combine to give an ideal balance between rural and suburban life. With a land area of 9.06 square miles Scotch Plains is the third largest area in Union County, yet it is eleventh in population.

The residential zones of Scotch Plains are approximately 85 per cent built. Residents live for the most part in one-family dwellings numbering approximately 5,600. About 200 families live in multiple dwellings and there is at present one garden apartment housing 96 families.

Industrial development is now 1.5 per cent of the total area. Farms make up 10 per cent. Twenty-five to thirty per cent of the land is undeveloped. In the three sites set aside for industry the Township would encourage only the "campus type," or clean green industries.

Parks and playgrounds cover more than 18 per cent of the total town acreage with the two largest sections included in the Union County Park System. Scotch Plains is favored by being completely surrounded by large green land masses with the Plainfield Country Club on



one side, the Scotch Plains Country Club on the East, the Watchung Reservation (a wooded and lake area) on the North and Ash Brook Golf Course and recreation area including a wild life sanctuary on the South. These last two are county-owned and controlled and contain more than one thousand acres.