

Eight churches serve the spiritual needs of the entire community. Two additional churches are presently in the planning stage, and a new temple is contemplated in the Township.

The YMCA now has a gymnasium, two bowling alleys, several club rooms and a ceramics room with kiln, and offers a varied program for youngsters and adults. A new Y building on Martine Avenue is anticipated in 1963-4 and will add an Olympic sized swimming pool, health room and a built-in teen canteen to its facilities.

Scotch Plains is the home of one of the top sight-seeing attractions in New Jersey—the Stage House Village. The restaurant and carriage houses have been authentically restored to their pre-Revolutionary status. The rebuilt *Tempe* house in the Village dates back to 1683.

The 1960 Census reports Scotch Plains has a population of 18,491, a 103.9 per cent increase over 1950. Total number of females number 9,348 and males totaled 9,143. Single males number 1,159 and single females, 1,005. The population per household is 4.56 people. The number under 18 is 7,337, sixty-five and over number 1,022. The median age of our town is 30.6 years. Foreign born number 1,285, with 17,206 native born.

The residents are engaged in many varied lines of employment. Total number of workers is 6,468 with 2,693 working outside the county. The median number of school years completed is a high 12.5

Excellent transportation facilities are available from Scotch Plains to New York City, Jersey City, Newark and Elizabeth by bus, railroad and major highways.

Free municipal parking lots have been provided and maintained by the Township behind the downtown business section. Scotch Plains is one of the few municipalities to provide such a convenience to the residents and local businessmen.

Scotch Plains is one of the fastest growing districts in Union County. According to our town planning consultants, by 1985 Scotch Plains will have 28,000 people. Such growth will be accompanied by some growing pains. However, the Planning Board of the Township, in cooperation with



the citizens and their Township Committee, is insuring a development that will retain the flavor and advantages that our community has always offered.

The Township employs 54 full-time workers and 12 part-time in the various departments. All, with the exception of department heads, are under Civil Service, the result of a referendum approved in 1958.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

The governing body of the Township of Scotch Plains is composed of five Township Committeemen. They are elected at large for three-year