

Since World War One the growth of the township has consisted mainly of commuter class homes. Construction of Route 22 in 1930, and the desire of urban populations for suburban advantages played a part in the town's development.

Today about sixty-five per cent of the township is still vacant. The central part is largely built up and many of the winding streets are lined with trees. Old homes are scattered about the community as a reminder of the town's honorable history.

Scotch Plains residents, who now number more than ten thousand, live, for the most part, in their own homes. There are no slums. Eighty-five per cent of the families live in one-family houses and about ten per cent in two-family houses. A comparatively few live in apartments above stores or in dwellings of three or more families.

Scotch Plains continues to grow and, with an eye to the future, 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 this community has always offered.

For, despite its more than two hundred years of metamorphosis, Scotch Plains still merits Peter Watson's description, as being made up of a "kind and loving people."



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