

# Millard Studies Experience of Indiana Town in Industry

What happens to a small community when a big industry locates next door?

To get some answers, Millard recently sent a three-man delegation to the Indianapolis and Lawrence, Ind., area.

Millard and Lawrence have points in common: Both were small communities when Western Electric Company located plants near them.

Lawrence has experienced developments yet to come for Millard. Western Electric's Indianapolis plant, located east of that city and south of Lawrence, has been in operation since 1950.

Western Electric's Omaha plant, being built on a site across the street from the northeast corner of Millard, will start some operations by mid-1958.

The delegation was made up of George Russell, lumber company owner and member of the Millard Development Committee, and village board members Harry Andersen and M. R. Woodling.

Mr. Russell said Saturday he learned that expansion of schools and utilities are the main tasks in a community's reception of a big industry.

He said Lawrence has grown from about six hundred to an estimated five thousand to six thousand since the plant started.

"Their road problem was very similar to ours," he said. A former two-lane road has been changed to four lanes and a traffic interchange is being built, he reported.

Mr. Russell said his committee has not yet drawn definite plans.

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## Millard Has 'Industrial Revolution'

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It doesn't necessarily take an oil or gold strike to make a boom town.

Example: Millard, Neb., population four hundred, 1950 census.

Here are some of the signs of the "industrial revolution" that has hit Millard since Western Electric Company last spring purchased a manufacturing site next door.

—A population increase estimated at half the total 1950 population.

—Preliminary planning for a shopping center.

—An office building under construction and remodeling and expansion of a building for a restaurant and cocktail lounge.

—Transformation of a cornfield into a trailer court with 45 trailers and more expected.

—Development of a residential district near the plant and a housing construction pace twice that of 1955.

—Construction of a ready-mix concrete plant.

—Skyrocketing real estate values.

—A doctor and dentist among the new residents.

—An increase of more than one-third in grade school students.

Talk with townspeople showed they are aware of

new opportunities and realization of a bigger impact is to come.

"Things have really taken

on life out here," said Mr. R. Herrington, town druggist for 36 years and Post

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