

STREATOR ILLINOIS

TREES BY JOYCE KILMER

I THINK that I shall never see, A poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest, against the earth's sweet flowing breast:

A tree that looks at God all day, And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in summer wear, A nest of robins in her hair:

Upon whose bosom snow has lain, Who intimately lives with rain:
Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree.

STREATOR ILLINOIS



STREATOR ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

The Streator Association of Commerce & Industry is an action-oriented organization comprised of concerned local business and professional persons working for the purpose of advancing the Economic, Industrial, Professional, Cultural and Civic Welfare of the Streator community and its citizenry.

SACI has a primary responsibility for the protection and expansion of the economic structure of business and industry within the community. Without a flourishing economy, Streator's needs cannot be met. SACI's Program of Work, designed to meet Streator's needs, includes all aspects of community life and growth. Included in these areas are:

- . . . Economic growth of the total community market;
- . . . Total community development, the identification and solution of community problems; and
- . . . Socio-economic programs.

In all SACI programs, emphasis is placed on fostering a stronger community and an improved quality of life for all Streator residents.

SACI also acts as an information center for the Streatorland area. The public is invited to visit the SACI office located at 124 N. Bloomington Street for assistance or information regarding the community and its activity.

Streator Association of Commerce & Industry
124 N. Bloomington St. Streator, IL. 61364



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Right: Greater Streater Development Corporation Gene Hoag, Pres.; Dave Goerne, V-Pres.; Norma Thorpe, Sec.; Bob Hardy, Treas. Below: Phyllis Wilkinson shopping in local store.



Streator has something for EVERYONE



Lower Left: Public Library, Bottom Left: Streator High School Classroom, Right: Tennis at Sherman Park, Bottom Right: Streator Grade School Band.





The Center of Westgate Plaza



U.S. Post Office

Bottom: Streator Medical Clinic and St. Mary's Hospital





Recreation

Streator has 71 acres of city parks available for her residents. Central and Oakland Parks have tennis courts. A strong Little League and other baseball programs are carried out on several special diamonds. In addition the city operates Anderson Field, a 9 hole public golf course and a municipal swimming pool.

Area residents participate in the Community Orchestra, Community Band, and Community Players. In addition, the Streator Hobby Council



opens its membership to anyone interested in hobby activities. Annually, Streator hosts the Polish Picnic, Horse show, and special July 4th and Labor Day celebrations.

Many nationally known clubs and organizations have active chapters in Streator. Some of these maintain club rooms with dining, meeting, and recreational facilities.

For the outdoor enthusiast there is hunting for pheasant, rabbit, duck, and deer in the area as well as fishing, swimming, and boating.

There are two indoor and one outdoor movie theaters, a roller skating rink, and two bowling establishments with automatic pin setters.

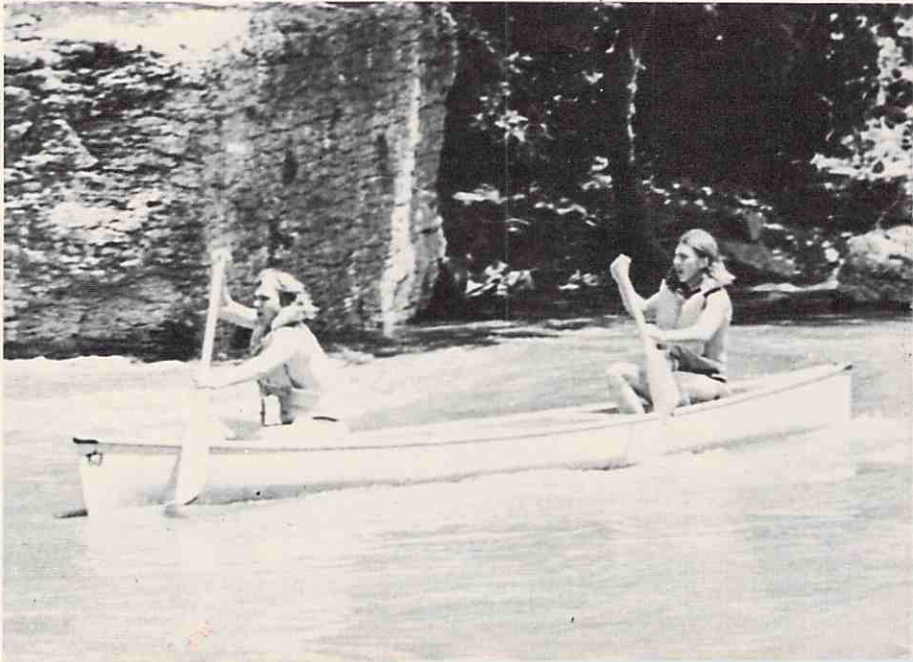
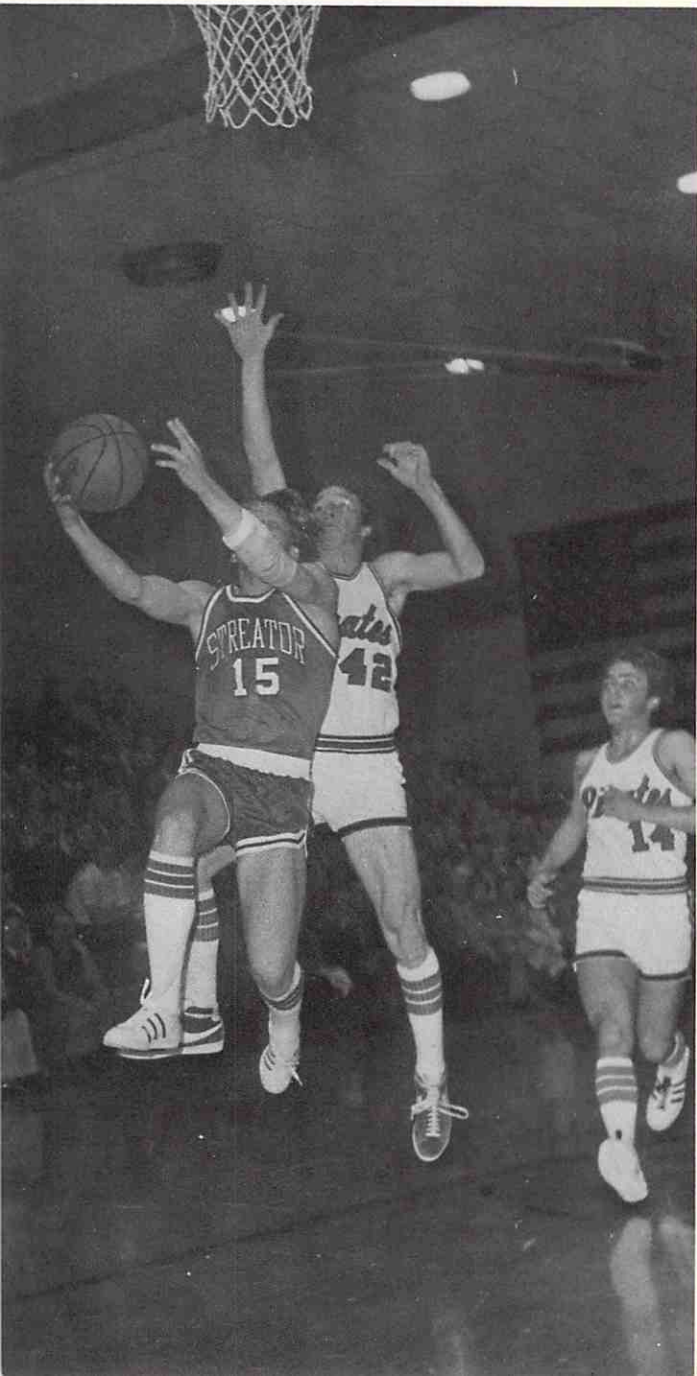
Whatever your leisure interest, there is something for you in Streator.



Recreation



Left: S.H.S. Basketball; Upper Right: Fishermen at Streator Dam; Lower Right: Canoe on Vermillion River.





Left: Girl Scouts Flag Program; Right: Streator Harvest Days; Lower Left: Streatorettes at half time; Lower Right: Polish National Alliance Picnic.



WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!



The people at Union National Bank would like to welcome you to Streator! Located in the fertile farmland of the Illinois Valley, Streator is an area rich in beauty, natural heritage and friendliness.

A symbol of solidarity and sound financial advice to many, Union National Bank has been continually concerned with the progress of the Streator area. We appreciate the trust placed in us by our customers, and

strive to maintain a high standard of excellence in all of our activities. To all of you from all of us at Union National Bank, we say "HI", and "Welcome to Streator" . . . we like it here and know you will too! We want to be of service to you—just stop in, we're looking forward to meeting you! Union National Bank . . . the bank that begins with "U".





The Streator National Bank, LaSalle County's largest bank, has been providing excellent financial service and community leadership since

1882. "The Bank" puts modern thinking behind each of its services to keep in step with the progress of Streator.

MEDIA

The Streator Daily Times-Press, circulation 17,000, is published daily except Sunday.

Radio Station WIZZ, AM, 500 watts, operates on a frequency of 1250 KC.

Radio Station WLAX, FM, 3,000 watts, operates on a frequency of 97.7 KC and serves over one-half million persons.

Cable TV Service is provided for Streator residents by Sammons Communications, Inc.

The Streator Association of Commerce & Industry, located at 124 N. Bloomington St., serves as an information center.

A recently installed warning system alerts residents throughout the City of Streator of approaching tornadoes or other weather disturbances.



First Federal Savings & Loan, 123 E. Main St. opened its doors in 1892. Since then the bank "On the Corner" has provided home loans, savings accounts, student loans, retirement plans, Christmas Clubs, Money Orders and travelers cheques for the citizens of Streator. PH: 815/672-2807

"103 years ago the Streator-Times Press was established. Published daily (Monday thru Saturday) it now is circulated in LaSalle, Grundy, Livingston, Marshall, Putnam, and Woodford Counties."

PUBLIC UTILITIES

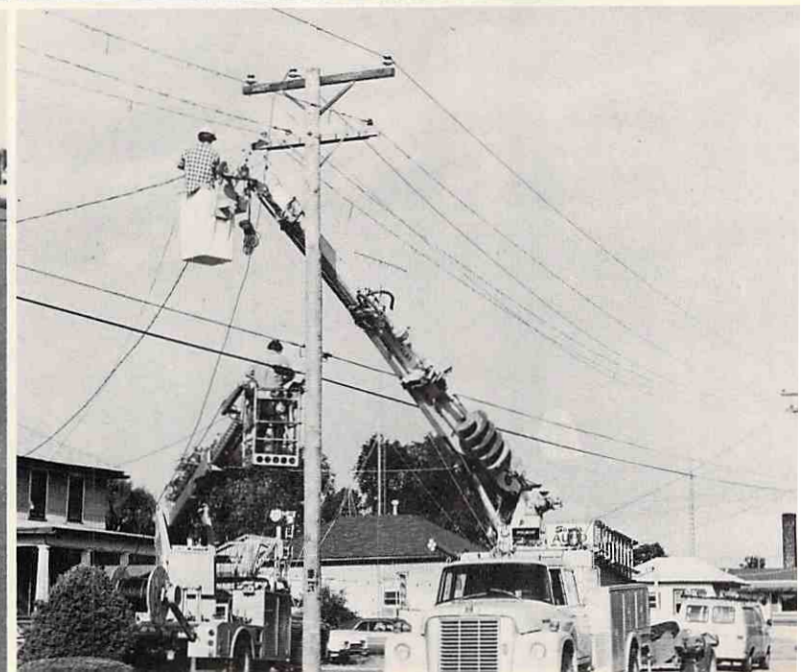
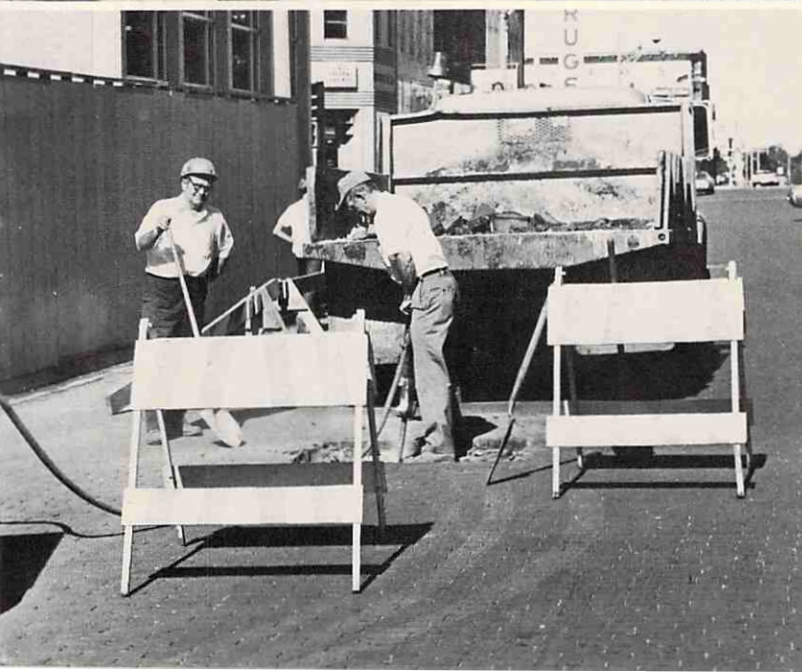
Streator is district headquarters for Commonwealth Edison Company, the supplier of electricity for the area through 8510 meters.

Telephone service in Streator is available through the General Telephone Company. The Streator District has 21,517 residential lines and 2,878 business and industrial lines and has 40,748 telephones installed in

the area.

Natural gas is provided through Northern Illinois Corp. It requires 50 miles of pipe and 7950 meters to serve Streator.

The water supply comes through the 7,695 meters of the Northern Illinois Water Co.



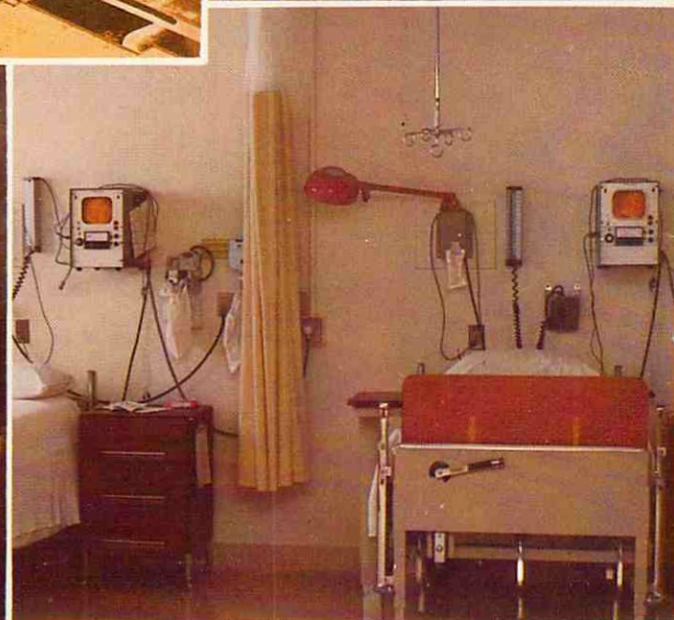
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL

At the request of city officials, Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis brought medical care to the Streatorland Community in 1887. Today the hospital founded by the Sisters occupies a modern 254-bed facility and continues to stand ready to serve area residents.

Physicians specializing in emergency medicine are on duty around-the-clock. Also available to handle critical life situations is a 7-bed car-

diac, medical and surgical intensive care unit staffed by highly skilled nursing personnel and equipped with individual bedside cardiac monitors and an accompanying main console.

In the laboratory, staffed 24 hours a day, 350,000 tests are performed annually. Radiology department with its X-ray and fluoroscopic equipment is also a vital link in diagnosing, pinpointing and treating disease.



In addition, St. Mary's Hospital provides such services as a Central Supply system, computerized Business Office, Dietary Department,

Electroencephalography procedures, Medical Library, Medical Records, Pediatrics, Physical Therapy, Respiratory Therapy, Surgical and

In addition, the department offers nuclear medicine and angiography procedures. Cobalt therapy is given for the treatment of cancer.

The hospital pharmacy utilizes a unit dose system in its drug distribution and the registered pharmacists who provide this service are available 24 hours a day.

St. Mary's Hospital is concerned about the whole person. Trained

pastoral care workers and the hospital chaplain, in cooperation with local ministers and priests, seek to bring aid and comfort to patients and their families. St. Mary's Social Service department serves as a bridge between hospital and community life. The department's staff members strive to assist patients in overcoming stresses which interfere with effective medical treatment.



Recovery Facilities, an Inservice Education Program and three dedicated groups of Volunteers. St. Mary's Hospital employs over 600 people and

supplies medical service annually for over 65,000 patient census days and over 35,000 out-patient visits.



Rowe Aviation's First Annual Fly-In



Photography in this book was mostly taken by R. D. Billups of Streator, Illinois.



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PH: 815/672-5611/5711

Secretaries: Marilyn Wahl

Mary Conner

Charlotte Sterrett



"If it can be vended, we'll vend it," says J. & G. Vending Service, Inc., 802 E. Main St. Since 1951 these industrial food vendors have supplied candy, sandwiches, cigarettes, and soda for the area. See them also for wholesale purchases of candy, sandwiches, cigarettes, and popcorn. 815/672-2471



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Streator, Illinois 61364
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Ill. Wats: 800-892-0591

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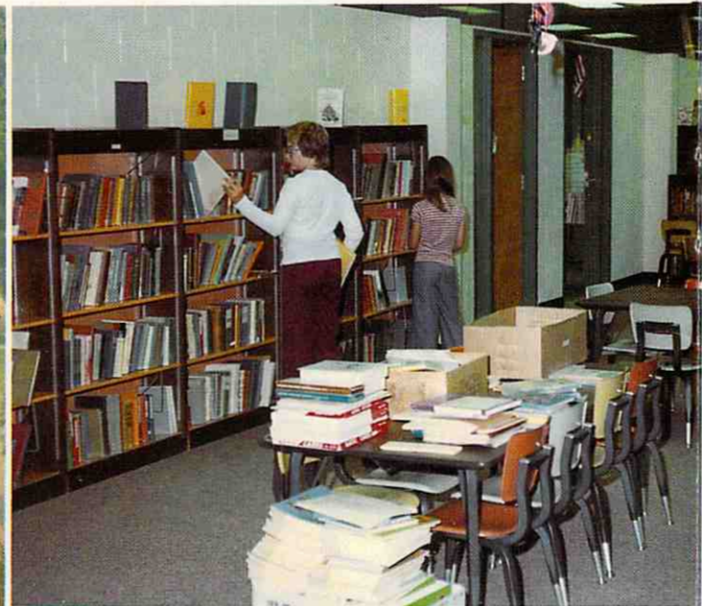
EDUCATION

The Streator school system is preparing youngsters to meet their challenges of tomorrow. Teaching methods utilized in the elementary schools (public and parochial) and the high schools in the area are many times the deciding factor when families choose to locate here.

Tailored to guide each student to his full potential, the Streator schools offer special education for children in addition to regular and

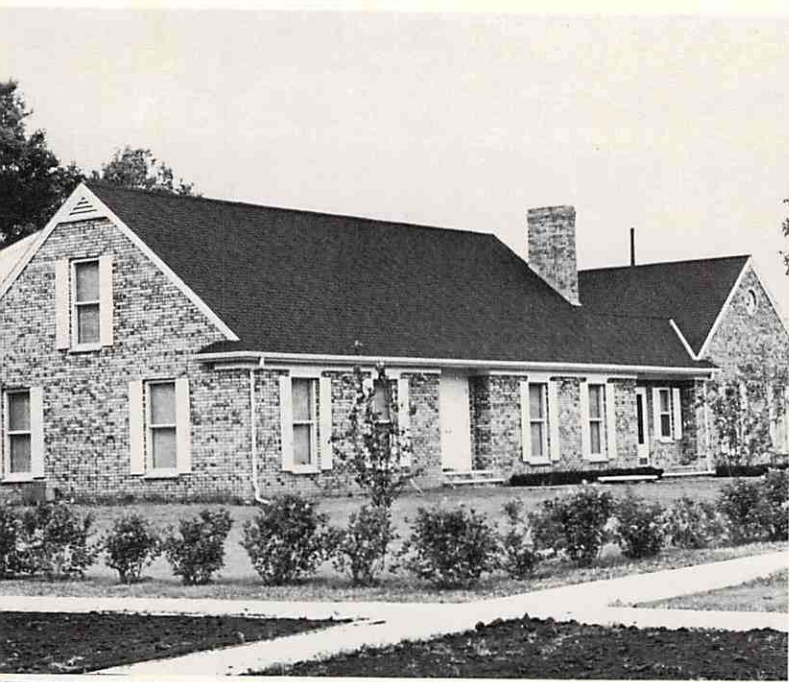
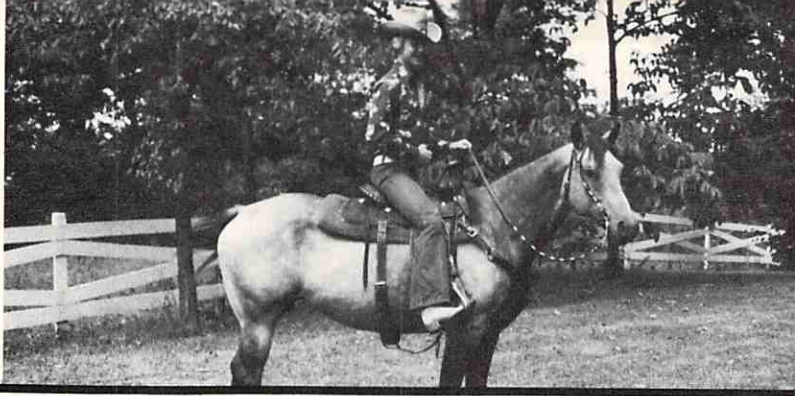
college preparatory courses. Attesting to the success of the educational program is the fact that about eighty percent of the high school graduates attend training programs, vocational or technical, or colleges.

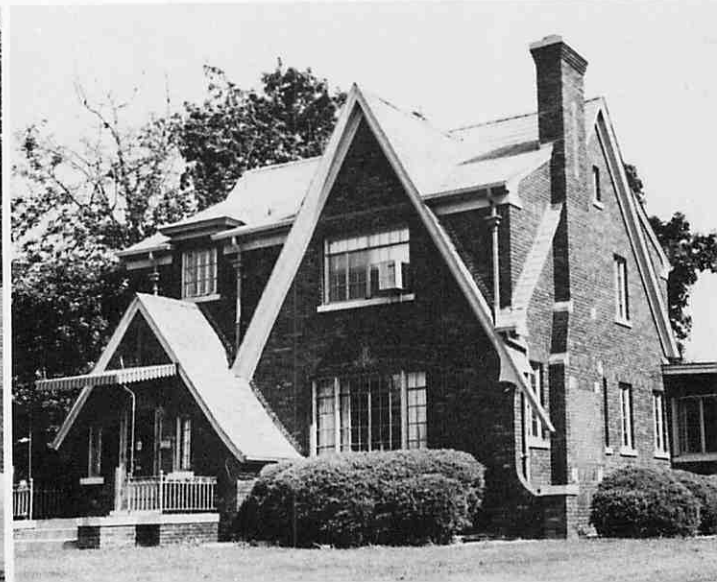
Interscholastic, intramural, and extra-curricular programs with diversified activities make learning a pleasant experience.





RESIDENTIAL







Government for the people, by the people, and of the people.

Streator employs the commission form of city government led by the mayor and four commissioners.

The police department is comprised of 26 men, two meter maids and one clerk. The four police cars are linked with all other law departments by ISPERN, the new Illinois State Police Radio network.

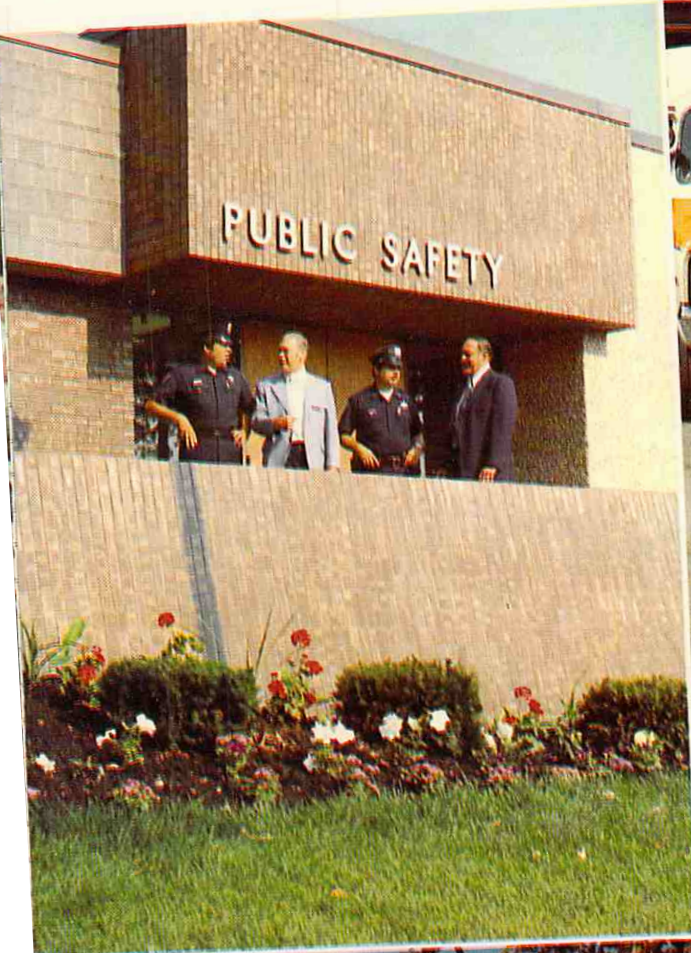
The city administrators and the police department moved into the new municipal and jail complex, located at 204 S. Bloomington St. in

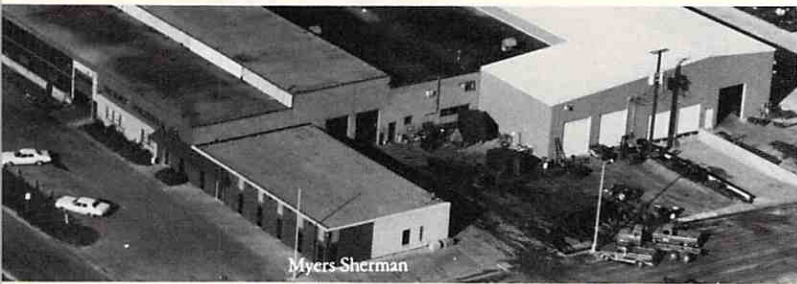
March, 1976.

Fire Protection is provided by a chief and 15 men. There are three pumpers, two regular and one reserve, one ladder truck and one emergency truck. The two ambulances operate on a fee per trip basis.

The Streator Emergency Service Disaster Agency Unit is comprised of trained volunteers to help police and firemen in emergency situations.







Myers Sherman



Oogie's Restaurant

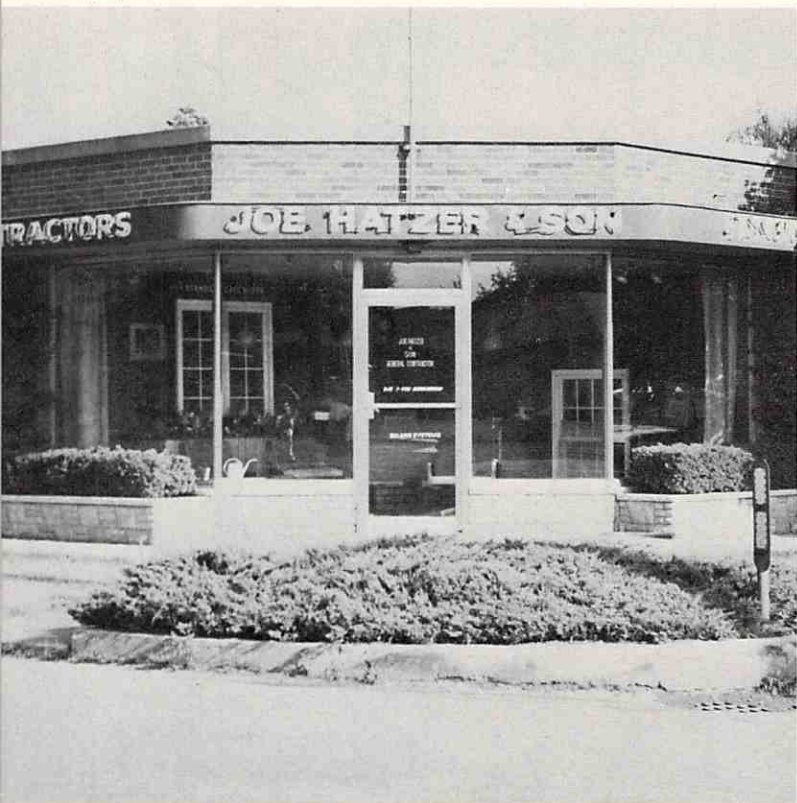


Camelot Manor

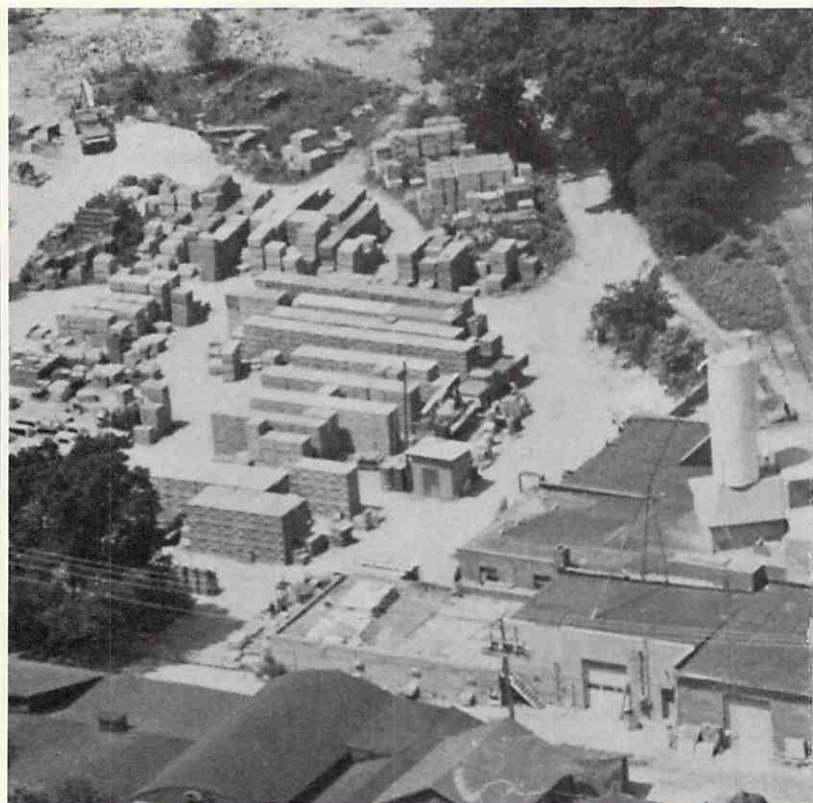


Glen Vissering Construction Company, Inc., 1303 N. Otter Creek Road PH: 672-1298
 16 years of continuous service to Streator meeting commercial and industrial construction needs. Shown above are a few of the many commercial buildings completed by our company.

Since 1910 Metcalf Plumbing and Heating, 128 South Vermillion, has provided residential, commercial, and industrial plumbing and heating installations and repairs. PH: 815/672-2848



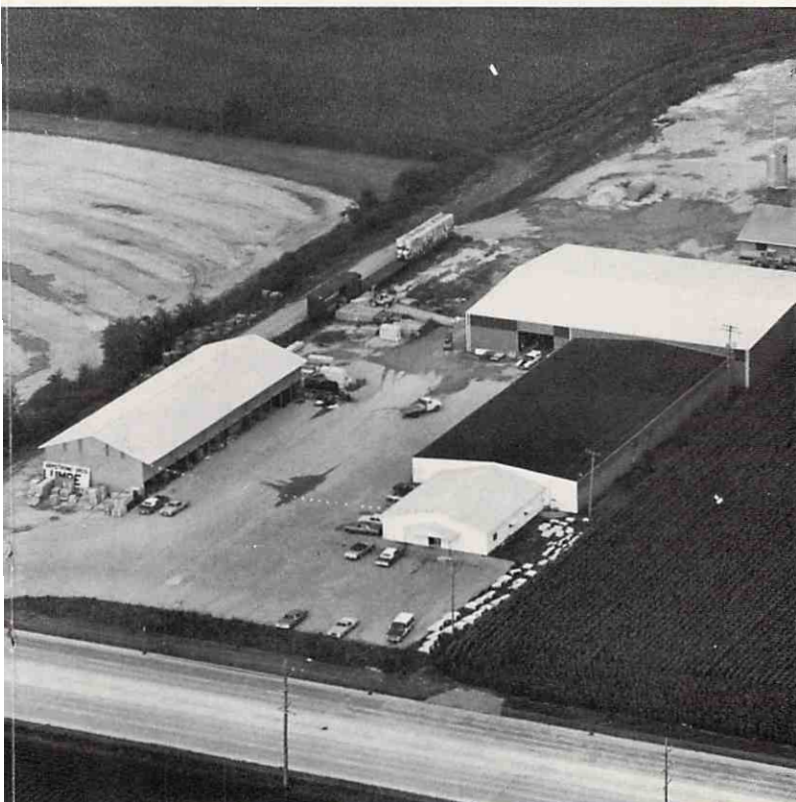
For 31 years Joe Hatzer and Son, located at the corner of Everett and Lundy Streets, has provided complete commercial and general contracting, industrial building, and excavating services for the area. 815/672-2626



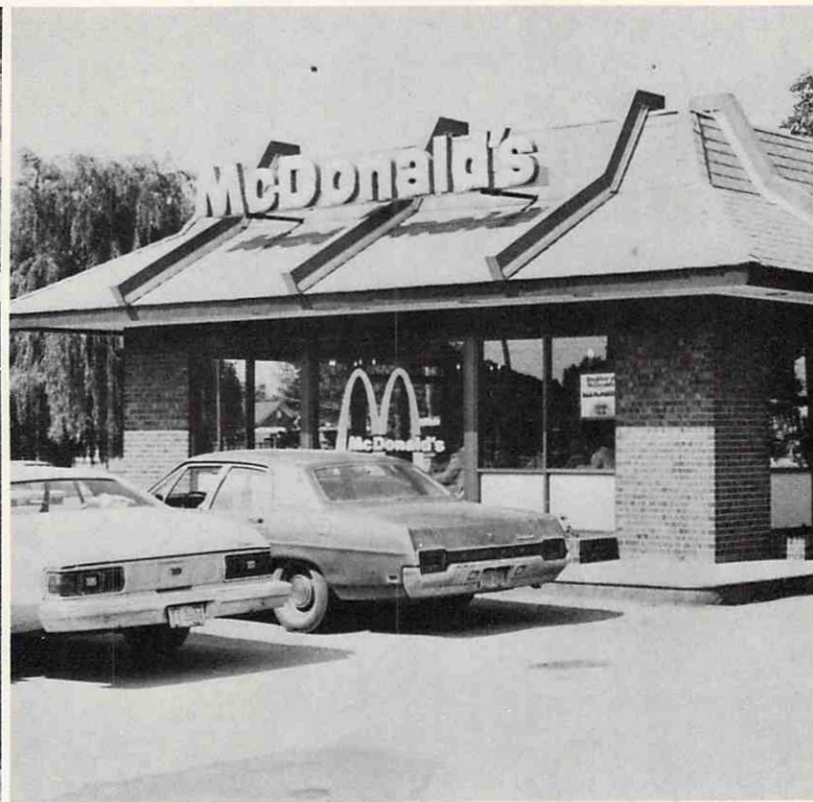
Established in 1946, F. X. Neuman & Sons, Inc., 800 S. Bloomington St., manufacturers concrete block, cement, stone, hard goods, and building supplies. PH: 815/672-1310



"Foremost in packaging" is Tuscarora Plastics, 701 S. Vermillion. The custom molders of expandable polystyrene have a very well equipped design and engineering department. There are 5 other Tuscarora Plants located in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, New York and North Carolina. 815/672-2118



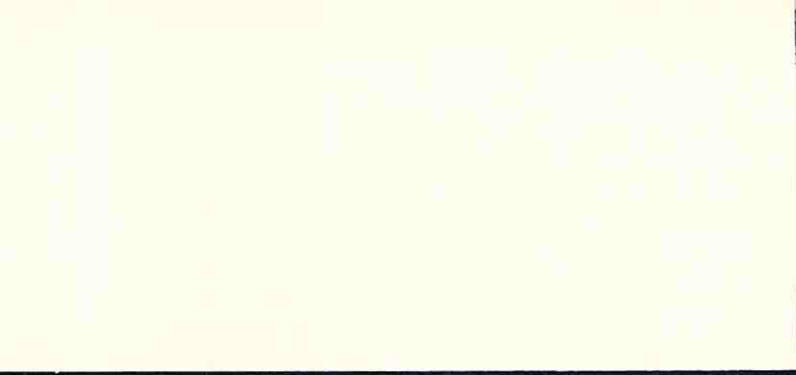
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CHURCHES

The early settlers in the Streator area recognized the church as an integral component of community life. Today the many church related activities and social functions of the 25 Protestant and 5 Catholic Churches provide spiritual enrichment for area residents.

Each week the Streator Times-Press publishes a listing of area church services which is sponsored by local business and professional persons.



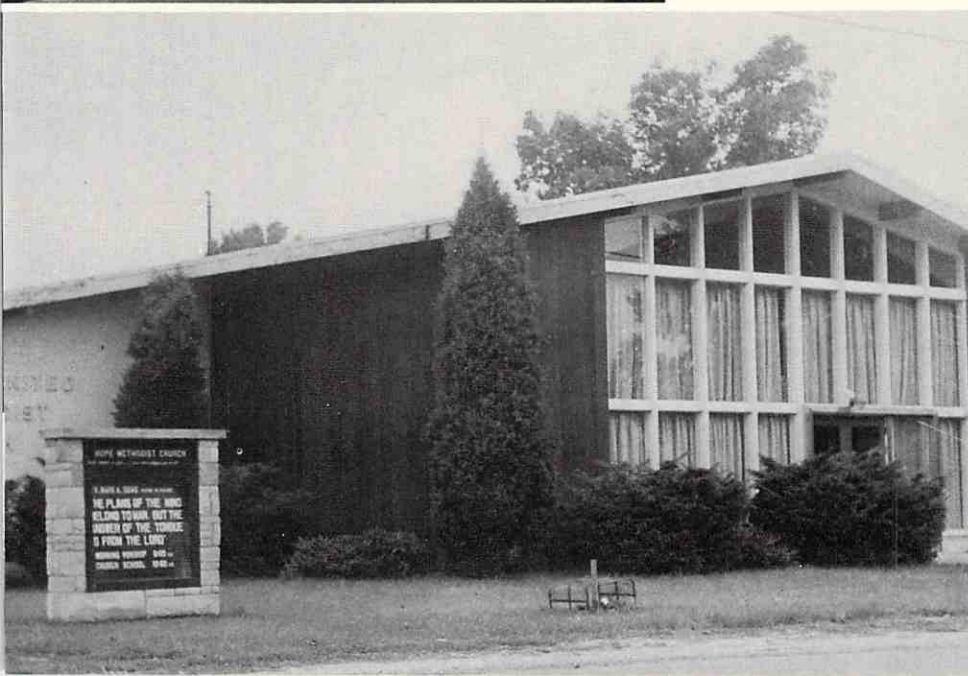
Park United Church of Christ Presbyterian

Immaculate Conception Church



Christ Episcopal Church

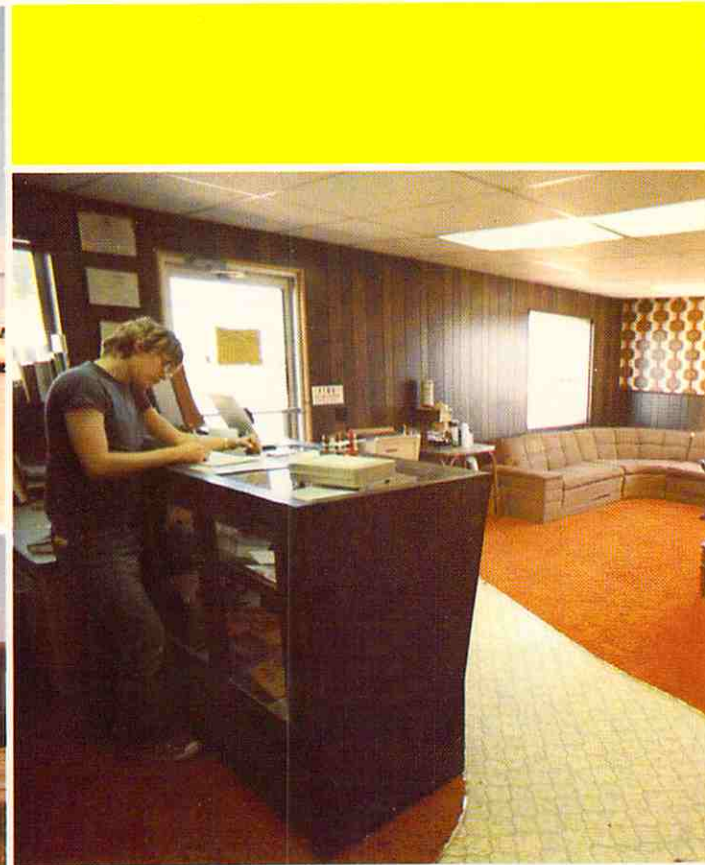
Left: St. Anthony Church; Lower Left: Hope United Methodist Church; Right: Church of the Nazarene; Lower Right: St. Paul's Lutheran Church.



TRANSPORTATION

Twelve trucking firms, two bus routes, five railroads and available taxi service move the people and products of Streator. In addition, Rowe Aviation provides Charter, Air-Ambulance, Flight Instruction, Aircraft Sales & Maintenance, and Flying Banner Tow Service to Streator and nearby communities.





"Think of us when time is important." Rowe Aviation Inc. R.R. #1, Streaton, Il. offers Air-Taxi; Flight Instruction; Aircraft Maintenance; and Aircraft Sales. PH: 815/672-5704



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SHOPPING

SHOPPING IN STREATOR IS FUN FOR ENTIRE FAMILY

Alert, enterprising merchants who believe in old-fashioned, courteous customer service offer the latest styles coupled with honest values. Downtown Streator, renovated with modern storefronts, has not sacrificed its central business district to outlying sections. Downtown you will find nationally known department stores, a sporting goods store, two drug stores, variety and hardware stores, two card shops, coffee shops, a bakery, three jewelry stores, shoe stores, a grocery store and





SHOPPING

several restaurants. Nine Specialty shops such as Lechner's and Mushro's featuring men's clothing and Kristal's and Jo Ann's carrying women's clothing provide variety in nationally known name brands. Two shops cater to children's fashions, Jack and Jill and Gina's Tot Shop.

To add to the shopper's convenience, the Union National and Streator National Banks and several savings and loan institutions are located downtown also.

Annual promotions include sidewalk days and dollar days.

A unique 11 acre park, complete with a fountain and rose garden, adjoins the business district. It contains a playground to keep youngsters safely occupied while mother shops.

Located just on the other side of the Vermillion River is Westgate Plaza. An attractive round building in the center of the plaza houses Chris' Flowers. Surrounding this are a variety of small stores and shops to entice the shopper. It is no wonder that Streator has become the trade center for a dozen area villages!





For specialists in personal, commercial, and industrial insurance see Dean Reynolds "or Dennis Stone" at Reynolds West & Associates, 127 South Bloomington. "Your key to security" since 1894. PH: 815/672-3133



Outdoor Sports

In addition to the many lines of sporting goods, they are also an inland marina, with full facilities to service boats and motors. A great desire to give service to the customer, both at the time of sale and thereafter. Warranting all products for as long as the customer

owns them, and making sure the customer gets the best product to fit his needs. Hence the open type showroom so you can try that casting rod or swing a golf club before you purchase them.



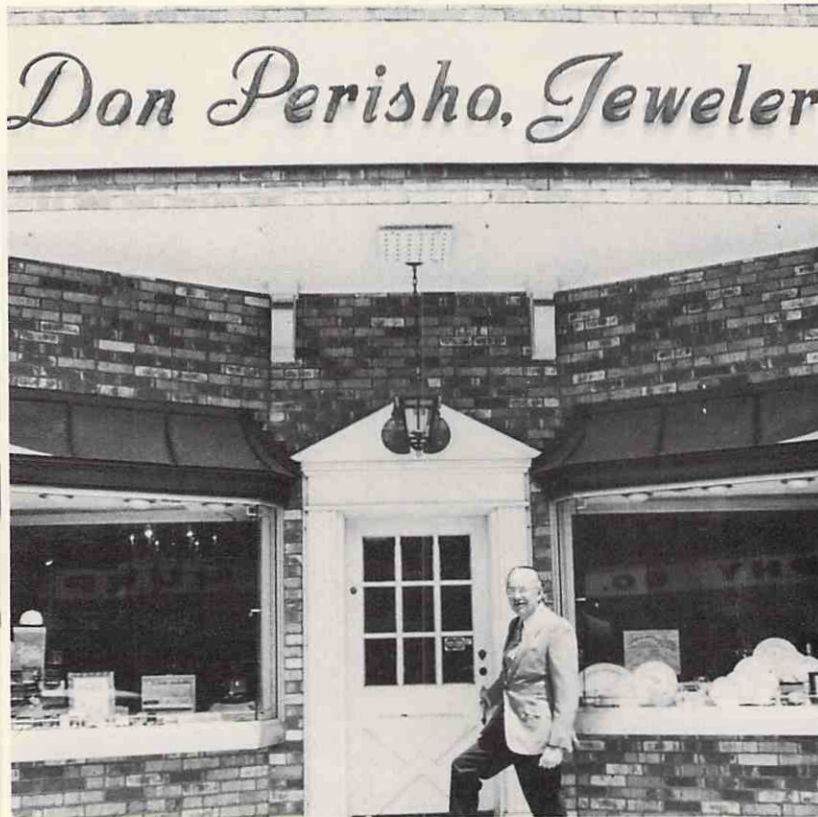
"Follow the yellow brick road" to Jack and Jill, 301 East Main St. for children's ready to wear. Dee Chiavene purchased the 34-year-old business two years ago and is anxious to assist you. 815/672-1117.



Shop Lechner's Fine Men's Wear, 216 East Main St. for national brands, formal wear rental, and a department designed to meet the needs of young men. PH: 815/672-0950



"For ladies who like nice things" Kristal's, 112 E. Main St., has been the place to find dresses, sportswear, lingerie, jewelry, purses, and hosiery for 38 years. They carry sizes 3 to 24½. PH: 815/672-2301



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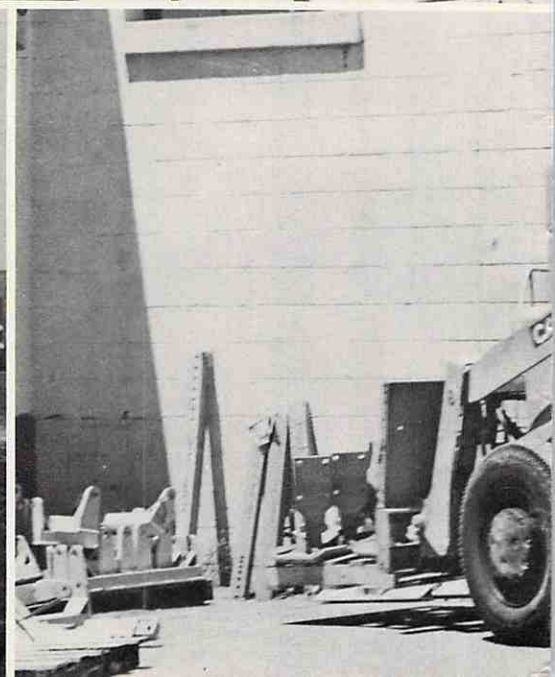
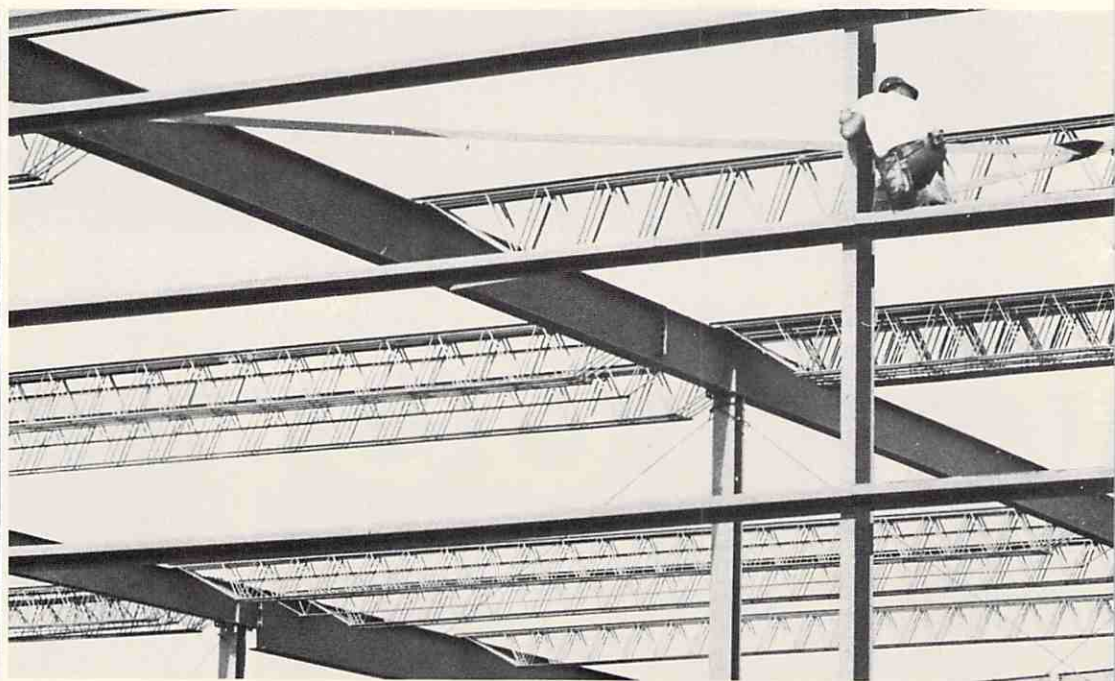
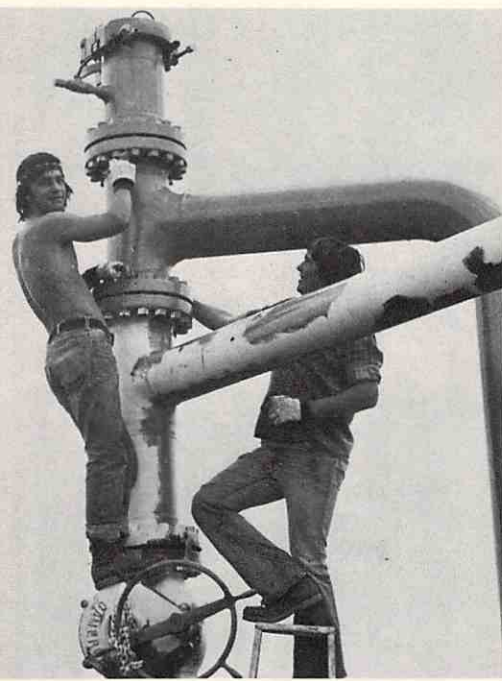
E. C. Van Loon & Sons Sporting Goods since 1885 Continuous operation. Major lines of sporting goods both retail, team and school. Diversification to meet public needs-service everything they sell. Through the years as peoples needs have changed, so has Van Loons. From High Wheel bike to modern 5 and 10 speed lightweights, umbrella repair in the 90's, key and lock work in the 70's.

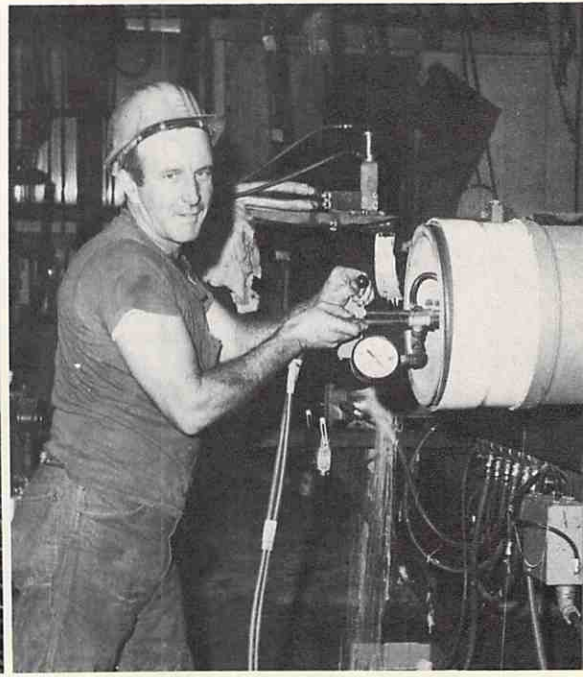
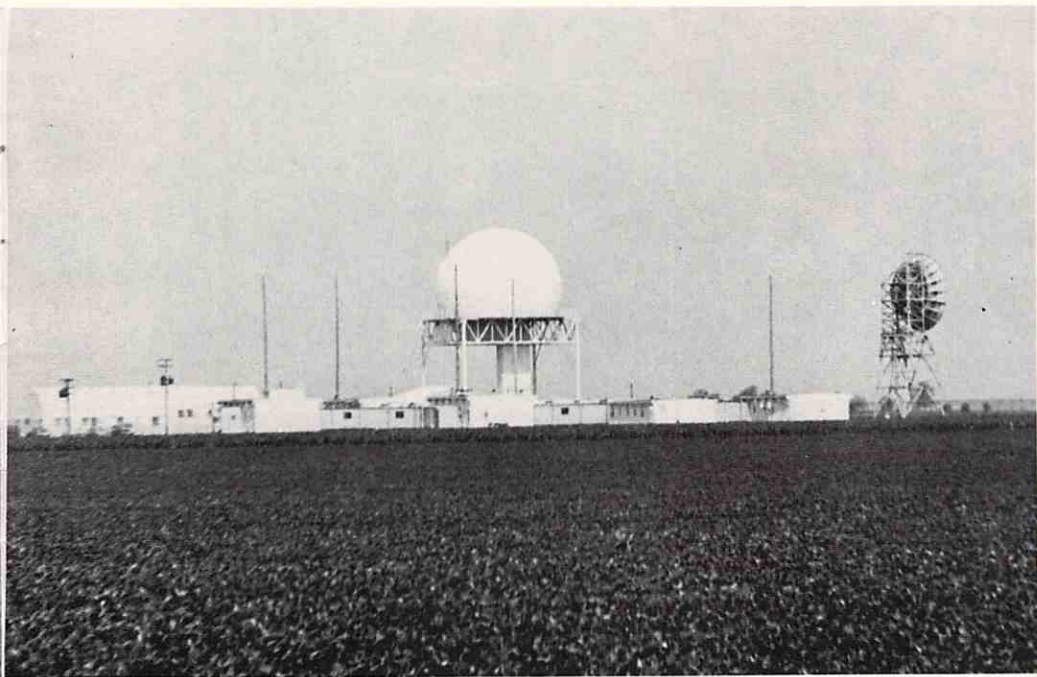
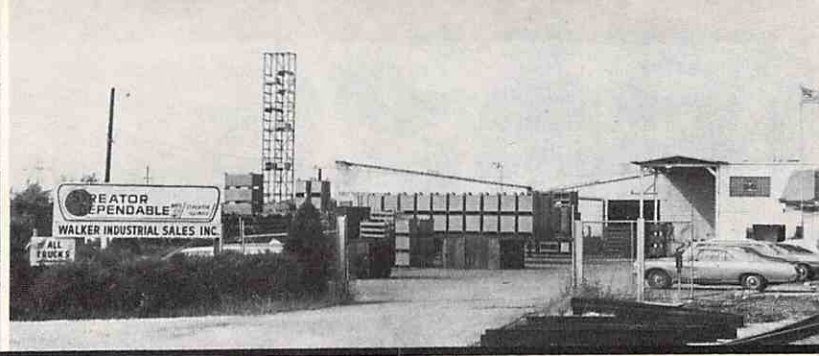
INDUSTRY

THE GLASS CONTAINER CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

Diversification is the key word in the Glass Container Capital of the World. The rich, fertile land first attracted farmers to the area in the 1830's. When coal was discovered in the early 1860's, industry and its related growth first came to Streator. By the time the coal veins were

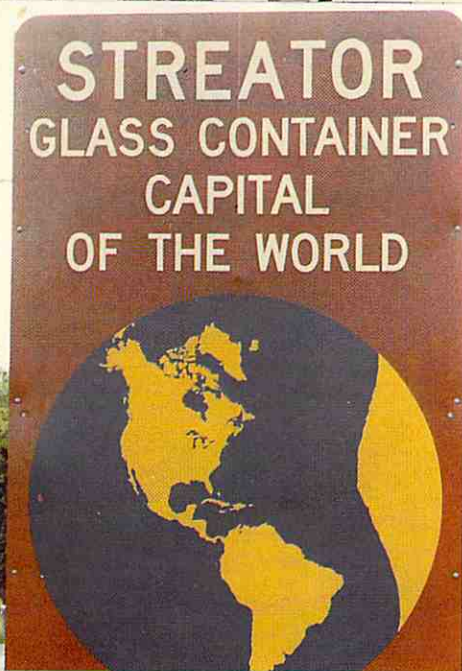
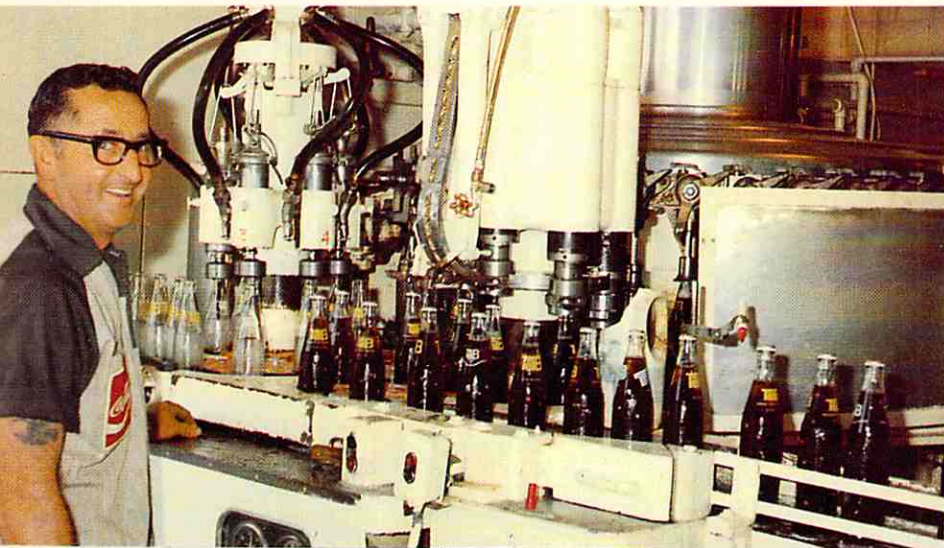
mined out early in the 20th Century many other industries had developed in the area. Still growing, Streator now boasts of the following industries: Flink Co., Myers Sherman Co., Owens Illinois, Thatcher Glass, Streator Brick Systems, VIPS, Tuscarora Plastics, Vermillion Tile, Smith Douglas-Borden, Inc., Anthony Company and more!





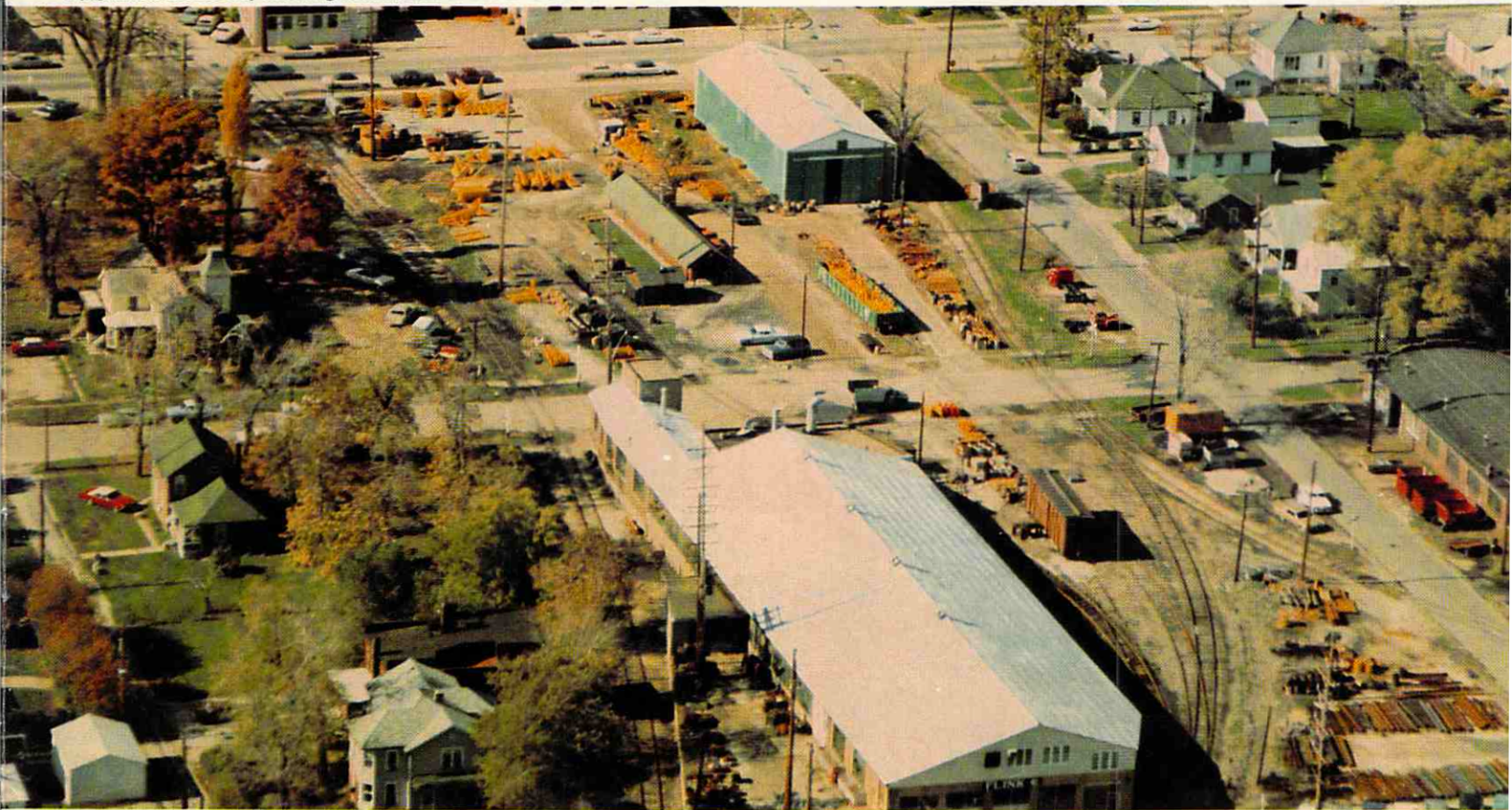
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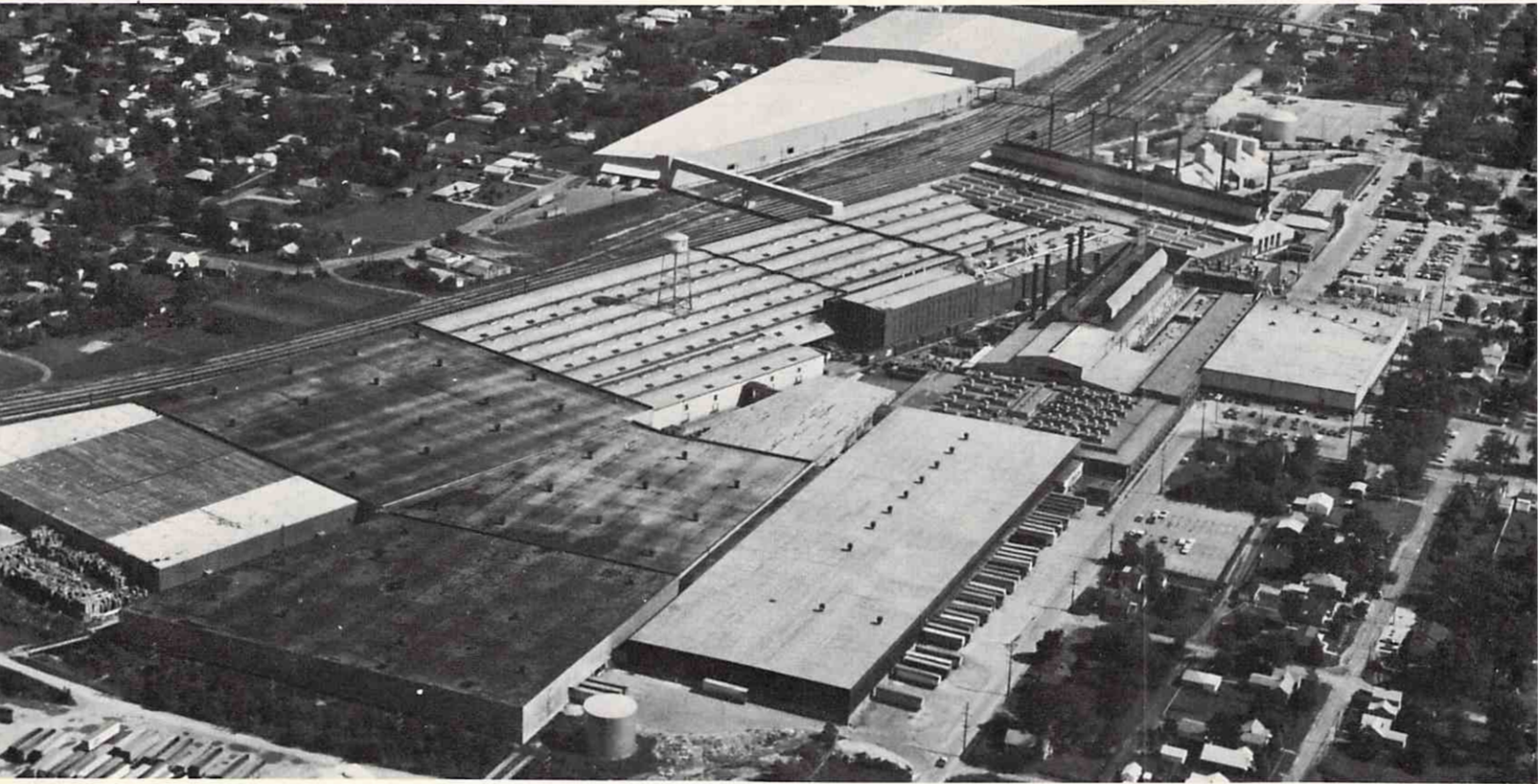
The goals of Streator Unlimited are to provide vocational training and to teach basic living and self-help skills and personal hygiene to the physically handicapped and mentally retarded persons in the area. Community owned and operated, Streator Unlimited enables the Mentally Retarded to participate in work programs and to be paid on a piece rate basis.





A Vector-Jet Rodder, an exclusive combination street and sewer cleaner designed, patented and manufactured by Myers-Sherman Company, Illinois Street in Streator, keeps the streets and sewers of Streator clean. Every major city in the U.S. has at least one Vector as do highway departments, military bases and private contractors. Myers-Sherman, pneumatic and hydraulic equipment specialists, also manufacture pneumatic conveying equipment used principally to handle grain. Bringing income to Streator from the four corners of the world, this equipment is used for ship unloading in India, Pakistan and the Middle and Far East.





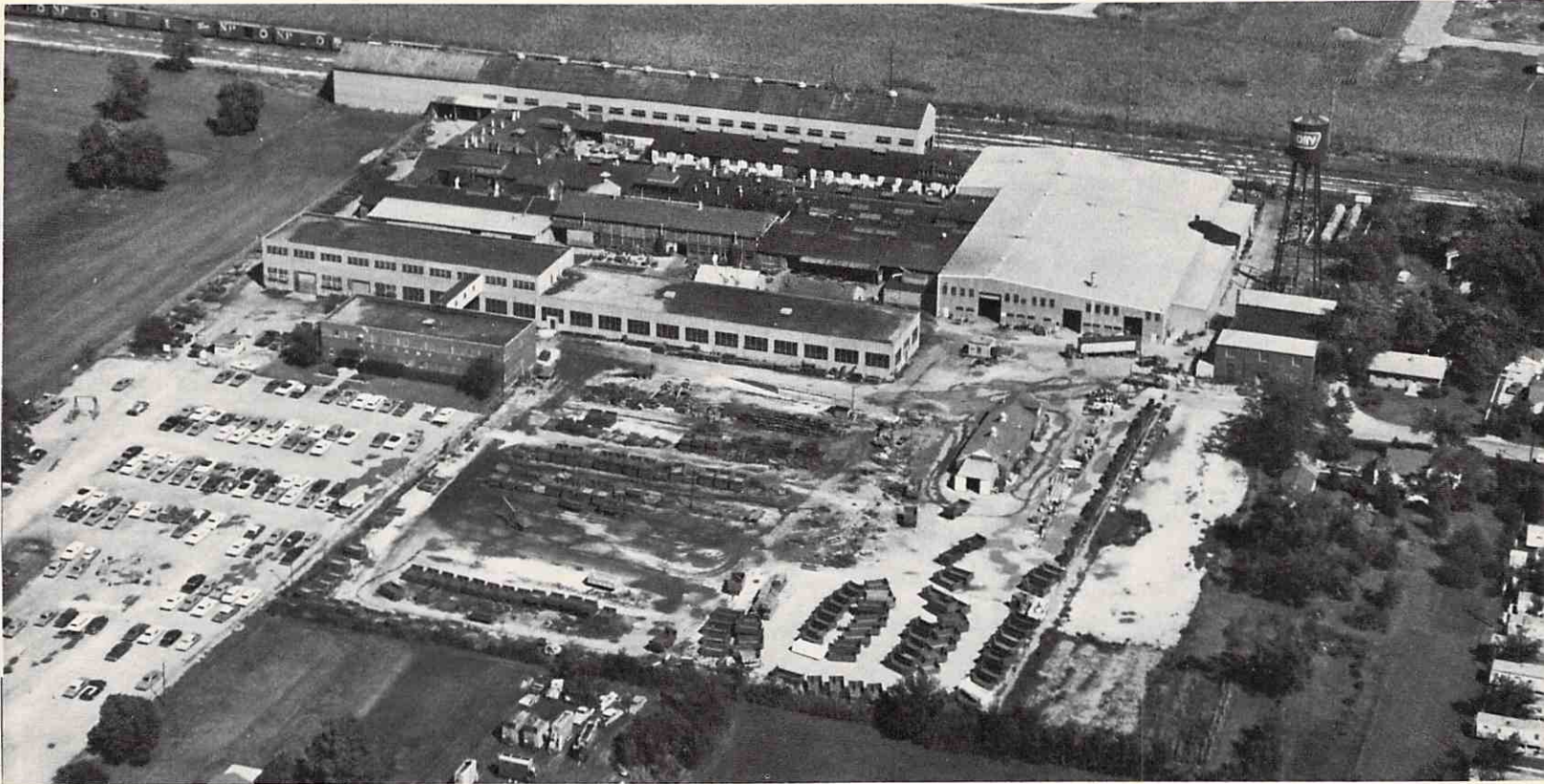
"Get it in glass for goodness sake." The Owens-Illinois plant in Streator is the largest of 21 domestic O-I glass container plants. For your glass container needs contact Owens-Illinois, Inc., 901 N. Shabbona St. PH: 815/672-3141



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 "SEE WHAT YOU BUY—BUY IN GLASS"

EAGLE LANE THEATRE

Streator Community Players, Inc., local talent bringing wholesome entertainment to its audiences and supplying creative involvement to its members, presents six productions each summer in Eagle Lane Theater, an air-conditioned building with a seating capacity of 250.

Y.M.C.A.

Under construction on a ten-acre tract of land along Oakley Avenue the new Streator Family YM-YWCA expects to become the "Hub of Activity" for young and old alike with expanded program activities geared for individual or family participation. Three professional directors and a qualified back-up staff support the 28-member Board dedicated to serving the needs of Streator Families.





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