

AKRON
THE CITY *of*
OPPORTUNITY



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LOOKING
SOUTH.

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NORTH.



AKRON, OHIO

"The City of Opportunity"

AKRON, Ohio, population 120,000, is known as the Rubber Center of the World. Akron is situated about 400 miles in an air line west of New York, and about 330 miles east of Chicago. Cleveland, the largest city in Ohio, lies 35 miles to the north, on Lake Erie.

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68756 Akron Chamber of Commerce



PEOPLES HOSPITAL.



Y.M.C.A.



Y.W.C.A.



SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDRENS HOME.



MARY DAY NURSERY & CHILDRENS HOSPITAL.



AKRON CITY HOSPITAL.

tous. Akron has 52 passenger trains daily, and it is a 14 hours' ride to New York; 9 hours to Chicago; and 15 hours to Washington, D. C. Akron has fine interurban trolley service connecting it with surrounding cities and towns of northeastern Ohio.

Akron has one of the lowest rates for electric current for power and lighting in the country. The city is efficiently lighted, the downtown business section having an ornamental White Way system three miles in length. Gas is plentiful and is supplied from West Virginia and Ohio fields at a low rate.

Akron has one of the most complete and modern municipally owned water works systems in the world. Its storage reservoir 769 acres in extent with a capacity of 2,385,800,000 gallons; immense concrete dam 280 feet long; pumping station, filtration plant and pressure



FIRST-SECOND NATIONAL BANK.



THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS & TRUST CO.



NATIONAL CITY BANK
DEPOSITOR'S SAV.
& TRUST CO.

CENTRAL SAV.
& TRUST CO.



DIME
SAVINGS BANK



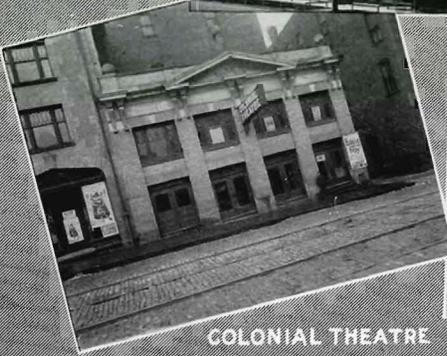
COMMERCIAL
SAVINGS BANK.

STATE BANK-REALTY
BENEFIT COMPANY.





MUSIC
HALL



COLONIAL THEATRE



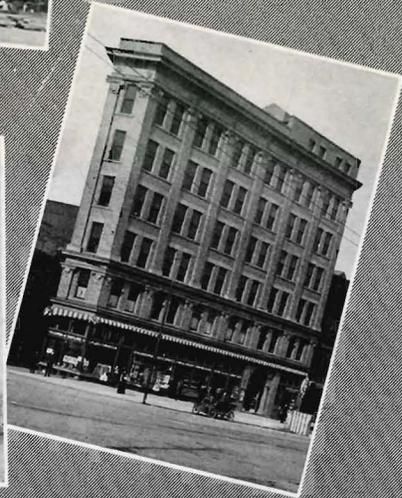
GRAND THEATRE

reservoir, are developed from an engineering standpoint that has attracted the interest of engineers from different parts of the world. Pure water and plenty of it is assured to our citizens.

Akron's new municipal sewage and garbage disposal plants just completed at a cost of \$550,000, are constructed on the most modern scientific principles, and will provide for the sanitary needs of the city for many years to come.

Akron was the first city in Ohio to install a completely motorized fire department. Owing to the new and adequate water supply and efficient fire department, fire insurance rates in Akron are very low.

Akron has 66 churches of all denominations; two hospitals with a combined capacity of 200 patients, in addition to a children's hospital and nursery; a public library containing 32,000 volumes; an active Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A.; a country club with one of the finest golf courses in Ohio; a state armory combining a public auditorium with a seating capacity of 3,500, to be completed in 1917. Akron has three new first-class hotels, and a total of ten modern downtown hotels. Akron's department stores are the equal in size, choice of stocks and up-to-the-minute service, of those in cities of twice Akron's size. Akron supports three daily newspapers and several foreign language papers, and a number of trade journals are published here. Akron enjoys considerable fame as a musical center. It has several well known military bands and numerous musical study clubs.



GROUP OF FINE DEPARTMENT STORES AND OFFICE BUILDINGS



University of Akron

Akron enjoys the distinction of being one of the very few cities in this country having a municipal university supported by public taxation and giving free instruction to any citizen of Akron. The University of Akron, which was formerly Buchtel College and was taken over by the city in 1913 under a new state law, in addition to the regular academic courses maintains a College of Co-operative Engineering, whereby students spend half of their time in regular classroom work and half at practical work in different factories in the city. A School of Home Economics is also carried on for girl students. The University also aims to justify itself as a municipal asset by co-operating with the various departments of the city government. For instance, the chemical laboratory operates a Bureau of Tests which carries on a branch of the City Health Department's work. University undergraduates have assisted in pavement inspection work, and in fire hazard, housing conditions, and sanitary inspection. There are 32 teachers on the staff, and the enrollment for 1916-1917 is 525.

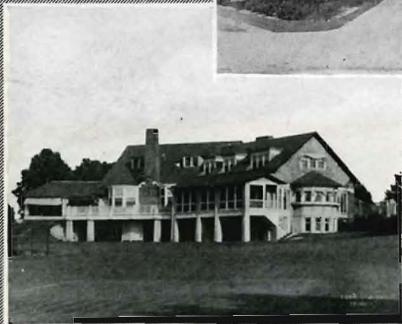
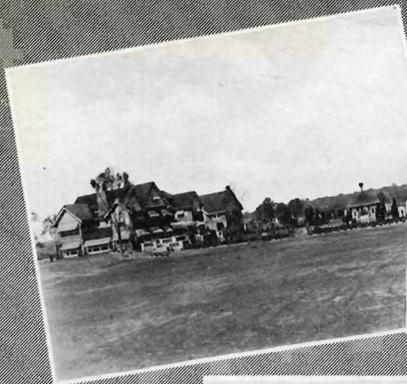


GROUP OF TWO HIGH AND THREE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

Akron's School Advantages

Akron's public school system is widely known and copied as one of the most efficient in the United States. The school enrollment for 1916-1917 is about 22,000. Its 28 grade and 4 high schools have a teaching force of 524. There are also six parochial schools in the city, and two modern business colleges.

Night schools in five school buildings, with courses in English language and American citizenship for foreigners, and special studies for adult Americans, are carried on under a plan whereby the industries of the city co-operate in raising a special fund administered by the Board of Education under the direction of a Central Committee.



PORTAGE COUNTRY CLUB. (Lower left hand corner.)

UNIVERSITY CLUB. (Upper right hand corner.)

THREE OF AKRON'S MANY FINE RESIDENCES

The Akron Chamber of Commerce

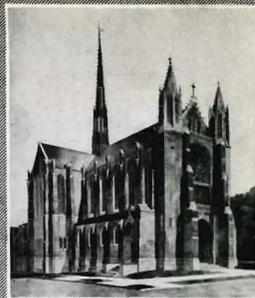
The Akron Chamber of Commerce, an organization of 2,200 members, actively interests itself in every movement looking toward a greater and better Akron, and is the recognized clearing house for community effort. Inquiries as to opportunities offered in Akron are cheerfully answered at all times.



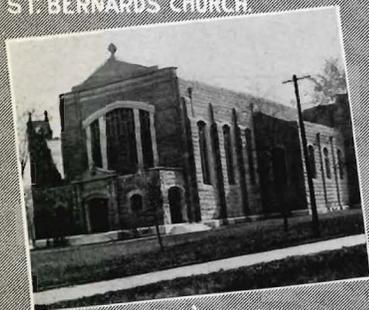
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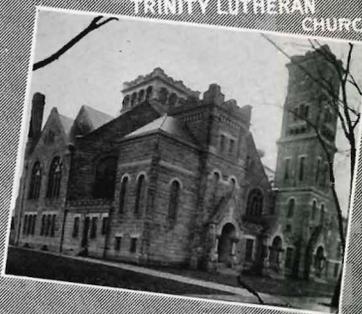
FIRST M. E. CHURCH.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

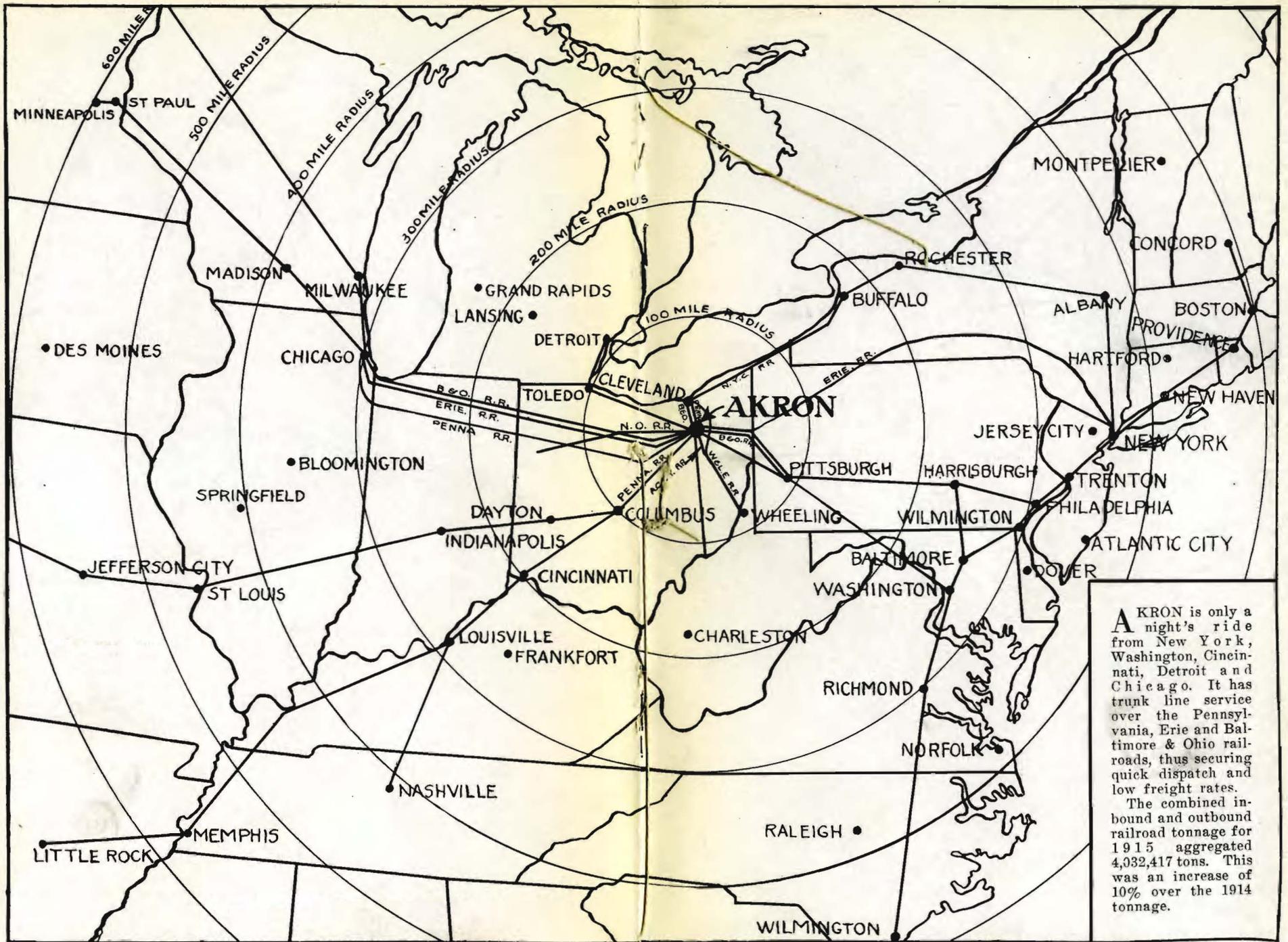
Akron and Transcontinental Routes

Akron is favorably situated with reference to the great transcontinental touring routes. The Yellowstone Trail, which provides an improved and marked road from Plymouth, Mass., to Seattle, Wash., passes through Akron. The Lincoln Highway passes 22 miles to the south of Akron, and is reached by a paved road from this city.

Akron, the center of the tire industry and the home of 6,000 motorists, is the center of a system of paved roads aggregating 70 miles in Summit County, with a splendid brick highway through to Cleveland, and paved roads with only small gaps to Warren and Youngstown to the east; Canton, Massillon and Wooster to the southwest, and other cities and towns in northeastern Ohio.

Table Showing Akron's Growth in Building Operations

Year	No. Bldg. Permits for Homes	Valuation	No. Permits Other Than Homes	Valuation	Total No. Permits	Total Valuation
1914	859	\$1,884,800	1,233	\$2,145,215	2,092	\$4,030,015
1915	1,126	2,560,550	1,406	3,470,400	2,532	6,030,950
1916 (8 mos.)	1,708	4,042,921	1,250	3,950,707	2,958	7,993,628



AKRON is only a night's ride from New York, Washington, Cincinnati, Detroit and Chicago. It has trunk line service over the Pennsylvania, Erie and Baltimore & Ohio railroads, thus securing quick dispatch and low freight rates.

The combined inbound and outbound railroad tonnage for 1915 aggregated 4,032,417 tons. This was an increase of 10% over the 1914 tonnage.

TURKEYFOOT
LAKE



SPRINGFIELD
LAKE



ENTRANCE TO
PERKINS
PARK

SILVER
LAKE

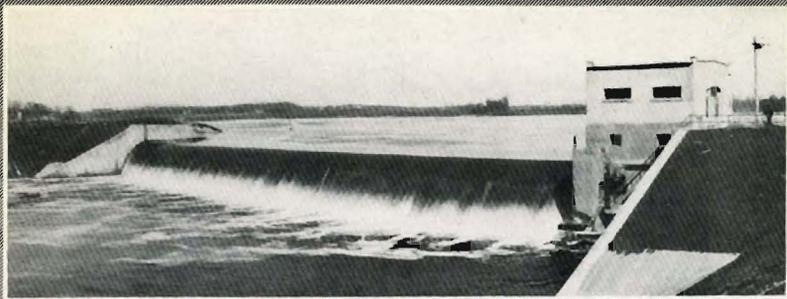


STATE
MILLS

Akron is situated in the center of a famous lake district, there being 25 lakes within a radius of 12 miles. The Portage Lakes, four miles to the south, have been set aside by the State of Ohio as a state park. The Cuyahoga River, which forms the northern boundary of the city, is spanned by a concrete bridge 782 feet long and 190 feet above the stream.

The old Portage Trail about seven miles in length, which was used by the Indians in portaging their canoes from the Cuyahoga River over the divide to the Tuscarawas River in journeying from Lake Erie to the Ohio River, passes through the western part of the city.

Akron has 17 parks totaling 219 acres in area. In four of these parks playgrounds for the children are operated during the summer.



AKRON WATER WORKS DAM
ACROSS CUYAHOGA RIVER.



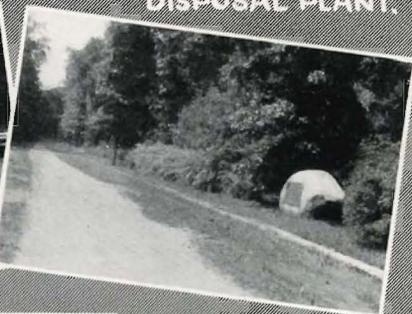
CUYAHOGA RIVER BRIDGE
HIGHEST CONCRETE ROAD
BRIDGE IN THE WORLD.



AKRON SEWAGE
DISPOSAL PLANT.



GLENDALE
PARK.



PORTAGE TRAIL
MONUMENT
PERKINS PARK.



PERKINS PARK
SPRING.



THE BEACON JOURNAL



THE TIMES



THE PRESS



THE GERMANIA

HOMES OF AKRON'S THREE DAILY PAPERS, AND GERMAN WEEKLY

“Rubber Center of the World”

Akron bases its claim to the title “Rubber Center of the World” on the fact that it has 24 active independent companies turning out 40,000 tires per day or 12,000,000 per year, which is 70 per cent. of all the tires used in the United States in 1916. These 24 factories employ 38,000 employes and in 1915 consumed 40,000 tons of crude rubber, which was 45 per cent of the total imported into this country, and 25 per cent of the whole world’s supply.

The Akron rubber companies manufacture in addition to tires and tubes, immense quantities of rubber clothing, boots and shoes, hose, belting, surgical and druggists’ goods, and an almost unlimited variety of other hard and soft rubber articles. It is said that these companies make no less than 8,000 different and distinct rubber articles.

The first rubber company in Akron was established in 1869, in a building 40 by 100 feet in size, with 25 employes. This pioneer company has grown to be the biggest rubber factory in the world, covering a floor space of 90 acres. The Akron rubber companies have an aggregate capitalization of \$212,000,000.

The Akron factories annually reclaim about 60,000,000 pounds of scrap rubber, including 3,000,000 tires, from which is produced 40,000,000 pounds of reclaimed rubber, having a value of approximately \$5,000,000.



THE B.F. GOODRICH
COMPANY

THE
GOODYEAR
TIRE &
RUBBER CO.



FIRESTONE
TIRE &
RUBBER CO.

THE MILLER
RUBBER CO.



KELLY-SPRINGFIELD TIRE CO.



THE MOHAWK RUBBER CO.



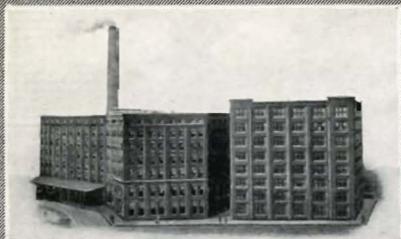
THE SWINEHART TIRE & RUBBER CO.



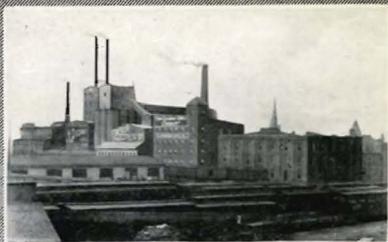
STAR RUBBER CO.

THE
GENERAL
TIRE &
RUBBER CO.





QUAKER OATS CO.



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ROBINSON CLAY PRODUCT CO.



AMERICAN SEWER PIPE CO.



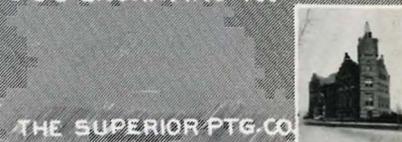
THE COMMERCIAL PTG. CO.



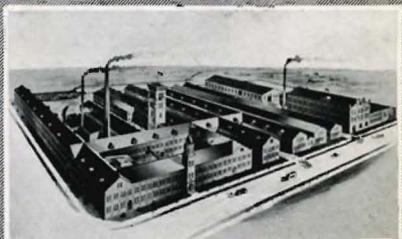
S & O ENGRAVING CO.

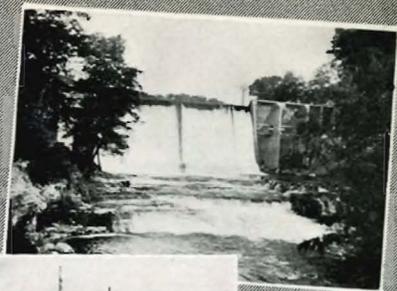
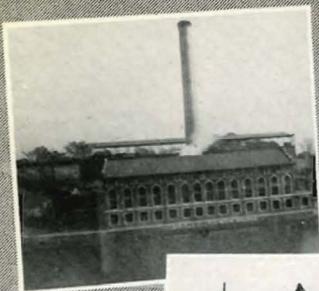


THE SAALFIELD PUB. CO.



THE SUPERIOR PTG. CO.

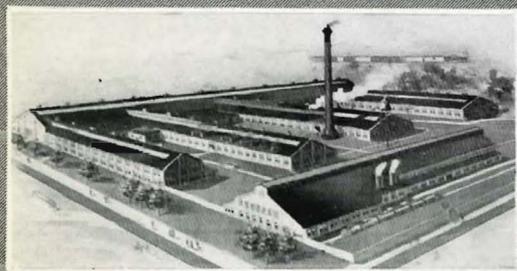




THE N. O. T. & L. CO.



THE WHITMAN & BARNES MFG. CO.



THE
WELLMAN-
SEEVER-MORGAN
CO.



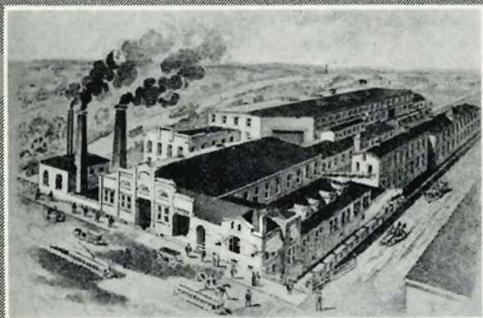
THE AKRON CULTIVATOR CO.



THE
ADAMSON MACH. CO.

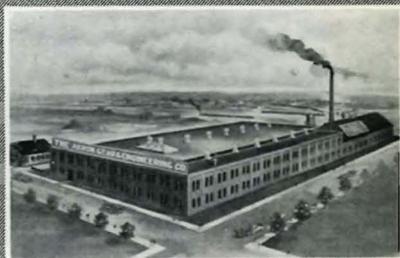


INTERNATIONAL
HARVESTER CO.



THE
THOMAS PHILLIPS
CO.

THE AKRON GEAR AND
ENGINEERING CO.



THE AKRON
BREWING CO.

THE M. BURKHARDT
BREWING CO.

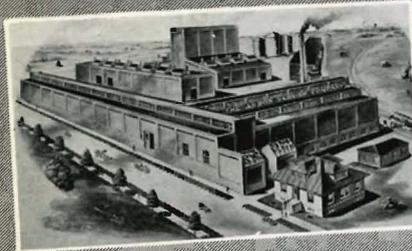




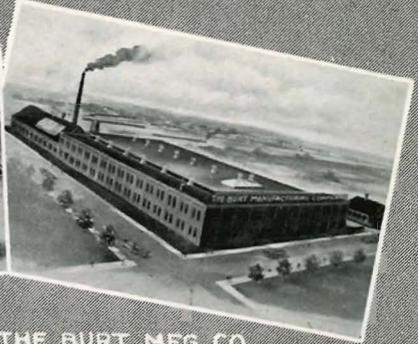
THE BIGGS BOILER WORKS CO.



THE COLONIAL SALT CO.



THE AKRON VARNISH CO.



THE BURT MFG. CO.



THE ENTERPRISE MFG. CO.



THE PIONEER CEREAL CO.

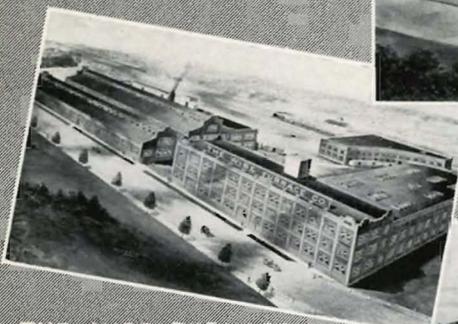


CAINES CHINA STUDIO.



THE STAR DRILLING MACHINE CO.

THE TAPLIN, RICE
-CLERKIN CO.



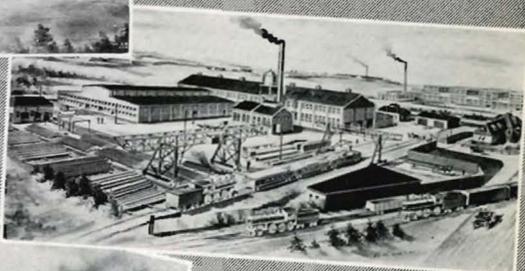
THE WISE FURNACE CO.



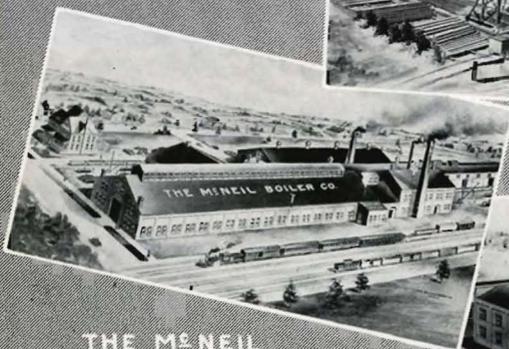
THE TWENTIETH CENTURY
HEATING & VENTILATING CO.



THE AKRON RUBBER
MOULD & MACHINE CO.



THE BURGER IRON CO.



THE McNEIL
BOILER CO.



JONES & KUHLMKE

Products of Akron Factories

Aeroplane Fabric	Extracts	Paving Brick
Agricultural Implements	Fabric Tire Protectors	Penholders
Aluminum Castings	Feeds	Polishes
Aluminum Flake	Fences (Iron)	Porcelain Molds
Animal Remedies	Fertilizers	Pottery
Architectural Iron	Files	Presses
Automobiles	Fire Brick	Pretzels
Automobile Accessories	Fireproofing Tile	Printing Ink
Automobile Bodies	Fire Escapes	Proprietary Medicines
Automobile Motors	Fire Extinguishers (Hand)	Pumps
Automobile Rims	Fire Alarms	Puffed Wheat, Rice, Corn
Automobile Tires	Fire Hose	Queensware
Automobile Tops; Shields	Fishing Tackle	Ranges
Automobile Trucks	Flatirons	Rasps
Awnings	Floor Tile	Reclaimed Rubber
Babbitt Metal	Flour	Rivets and Bolts
Badges	Fountain Pens	Rockingham Ware
Baked Goods	Fruit Butters	Rolled Oats
Baking Powder	Furnaces	Roofing Tile
Balloons	Gas Flatirons	Rubber Articles (8,000)
Barrels and Kegs	Gas Engines	Rubber Balls
Baskets	Gas Stoves	Rubber Cement
Beer	Gaskets (Rubber and Metal)	Rubber Garments
Belting (Leather and Rubber)	Gasoline Stoves	Rubber Mechanical Goods
Bent Wood Work	Gauges	Rubber Shoes, Boots
Bicycle Tires	Gears	Rubber Soles, Heels
Binder Twine	Generators	Rubber Specialties
Bits	Glass Balls and Marbles	Rubber Toy Ballons
Blank Books	Granite Wall Plaster	Rubber Toys
Boats	Grey Iron Castings	Rubber Stamps
Boilers (Power, Heating)	Grills and Railings	Rubber Surgical Goods
Books	Gun Carriages	Rubber Tires
Brass Castings	Handles (Wood)	Rubber Tubes
Brass Signs	Hard Rubber Goods	Rubber Working Machinery
Brass Checks	Harness	Rubber Working Moulds
Brass Stencils	Harness Rosettes	Rugs
Brooms	Hats and Caps	Saddlery Hardware
Brushes	Heaters	Salt
Building Blocks	Horseshoes (Rubber)	Sand Crushers
Building Brick	Hose (Rubber)	Screens
Butter	Hot Water Heaters	Sewer Pipe
Calendars	Hydraulic Presses	Shafting
Candy	Ice	Sheet Iron
Canvas Goods	Ice Cream	Sheet Metal
Car Heaters	Ice Cream Cones	Signs (Porcelain)
Carriages	Ink	Soap
Carriage Poles and Rims	Insulating (Rubber)	Spirit Levels
Cereal Products	Insulators (Porcelain)	Sportsmen's Specialties
Chandeliers	Knit Goods	Spring Cotters and Keys
Chemicals	Lamps (Oil, Gas, Gasoline)	Stamped Metal Specialties
Chemical Stoneware	Launches	Stencils
Chewing Gum	Lawn Mowers	Staybolts
China Ware	Lighting Systems	Steam Heaters
Cigars	Lubricators	Steel Castings
Clay Products	Lumber Mill Work	Stoneware
Clay Product Machinery	Machinery	Stop-Payment Registers
Clutches	Magazines	Store Fixtures
Compounding Mills	Mantels	Stoves
Concrete Blocks	Marbles (Clay and Glass)	Structural Iron
Concrete Machinery	Mattresses	Sucker Rods
Conduits	Mechanical Rubber Goods	Tanks
Confectionery	Mill Supplies	Tents
Cores	Mining Machinery	Tile
Core Ovens	Mirrors	Tire Protectors
Core Machines	Moisteners	Traveling Cranes
Crockery	Motors (Electric)	Trellises
Crucible Steel	Motor Boat Accessories	Trusses (Abdominal)
Cultivators	Motor Starters	Twist Drills
Cutlery	Moulds	Varnishes
Dies	Mouldings	Veneers
Drain Tile	Movable Stairways	Ventilators
Doors	Mower and Reaper Knives	Vulcanizers
Drills	Oil Cloth	Wagons
Drilling Machines	Oil Filters	Wagon Gears
Drop Forgings	Ornamental Iron	Wall Plaster
Dynamos	Ozone Machines	Wall Papering Utensils
Electric Fixtures	Paints	Waterproof Fabric
Electrical Machinery	Paper	Wheelbarrows
Enamels	Paper Boxes	Well Drilling Machinery
Engines	Paper Sacks	Wrenches
Engravings	Patterns (Mill)	Wood Turnings
		Yellow Ware

Comparison of Akron's Industrial Strength with other Ohio Cities from U. S. Census for 1914

Rank in Population	No. of establishments	No. of employes	Capital invested	Value of products	Wages and salaries
Cleveland.....	(1) 2,346	(1) 122,934	(1) \$311,504,000	(1) \$346,647,000	(1) \$92,817,000
Cincinnati.....	(2) 2,135	(2) 72,858	(2) 157,468,000	(2) 210,708,000	(2) 50,312,000
Columbus.....	(4) 643	(6) 21,323	(7) 52,098,000	(7) 57,608,000	(6) 15,441,000
Toledo.....	(3) 713	(4) 31,881	(5) 91,101,000	(4) 115,049,000	(4) 23,677,000
Dayton.....	(5) 524	(5) 28,271	(6) 71,150,000	(6) 71,088,000	(5) 19,488,000
Youngstown.....	(8) 201	(7) 18,228	(3) 129,819,000	(5) 92,111,000	(7) 15,338,000
Akron.....	(6) 306	(3) 33,098	(4) 110,134,000	(3) 122,292,000	(3) 24,813,000
Canton.....	(7) 274	(8) 14,348	(8) 37,956,000	(8) 43,584,000	(8) 10,991,000

The figures in brackets show Akron's relative standing. Akron, while standing seventh in population, stands third in payroll, third in value of products, third in number of employes, fourth in capital invested, and sixth in number of establishments, being exceeded in employes, payrolls and value of products by only Cleveland and Cincinnati.

The same reports of the Census Bureau show that in the five-year period from 1909 to 1914, Akron's growth was as follows: Payrolls, 107%; capital invested, 89%; employes, 74%; value of products, 67%; number of establishments, 24%.

Akron Financially and Industrially

Total deposits in Akron banks June 30, 1916	\$29,094,465
Increase over one year ago	25%
Bank clearings for year 1915	\$109,252,000
Bank clearings for first 8 months of 1916	\$127,747,000
Building permits aggregated in value for 1915	\$6,130,950
Value of building permits issued first 8 months of 1916	\$7,991,478
Akron postoffice receipts for 1915	\$610,249
Postoffice receipts first 8 months of 1916	\$507,764
Capitalization of 164 industries	\$246,000,000
Number of employes in 164 industries	48,000
Increase since one year ago	20%
Value of products in 1915	\$156,000,000
Combined payroll of Akron factories in 1915	\$25,299,000
Estimated payroll for 1916	\$35,000,000

Akron at a Glance

Population, 1916	120,000
Population, 1910 (U. S. Census)	69,067
Increase in six years	74%
Foreign population (U. S. Census, 1910)	13,000
Area of Akron, square miles	23.21
Miles of streets	153
Miles of paved streets	121
Miles of sewers	145
Miles of electrically lighted streets	140
Miles of White Way lighting	3
Number of parks	17
Area, acres	219
Number of churches	66
Number of schools, public and parochial	37
Enrollment in public schools, 1916	22,000
Number of hospitals	3
Number of banks	8
Number of railroads in Akron	5
Passenger trains daily	52
Akron tax rate, 1916	1.46
Akron tax duplicate	\$140,000,000