plant to Peoria, Ill., because it was believed to be a more central distributing point for its products, which had a nation and world-wide market. The La Truneau Company, manufacturers of farm and road machinery used largely in connection with Caterpillar Tractors, also moved its principal plant to Peoria. It is a tribute to the courage and energy of the citizens of Stockton that they immediately began to repair the damage caused by these removals and it is said that the losses in industry sustained during the 5-year period mentioned have now been largely overcome. One of the main factors in this recovery was the location of the College of the Pacific in Stockton, and its growth from 400 students in 1924 to an enrollment of 1500 at the present time. The outstanding recent event from an economic standpoint has been the completion within the past few years of the Stockton/Ster Channel, which has made Stockton a world port for deep draft vessels.

4. Type of Community

Stockton and the surrounding territory has been made famous both in song and story, notably by the writings of such eminent authors as Bret Harte and Mark Twain. It is so rich in historic lore that in writing the foregoing outline history of the city it was a temptation to depart from the strictly economic factors and to recite the romantic and glamorous incidents of its early beginnings, which after all have had a definite influence upon the development of the city, and have had much to do with its present type. Throughout areas C-8 and C-9 will be found numerous old mansions built by these early Argonauts and their descendents. Many of these are splendidly maintained and lend dignity to the neighborhoods in which they are located, and give an impression of permanence to the whole community.

A notable feature of the city, particularly in the older areas, is the evident desire of its citizens to live literally under their own vine and fig tree and innumerable homes are surrounded with fig, orange and peach trees and grape arbors.

The city's 135 miles of paved streets are shaded by a great variety of trees. English and Black Walnut trees are in quite general use for this purpose. As is shown by the security area map, the city is generously provided with parks and playgrounds, which are maintained in a very attractive manner. Twenty-three of these parks containing a total of 276 acres are scattered throughout the city.

Stockton has an elevation of 23 feet at its highest point and is generally level, there being less than 15 feet variation in the entire city. An influence which has had much to do with the physical development of the community are the numerous sloughs and