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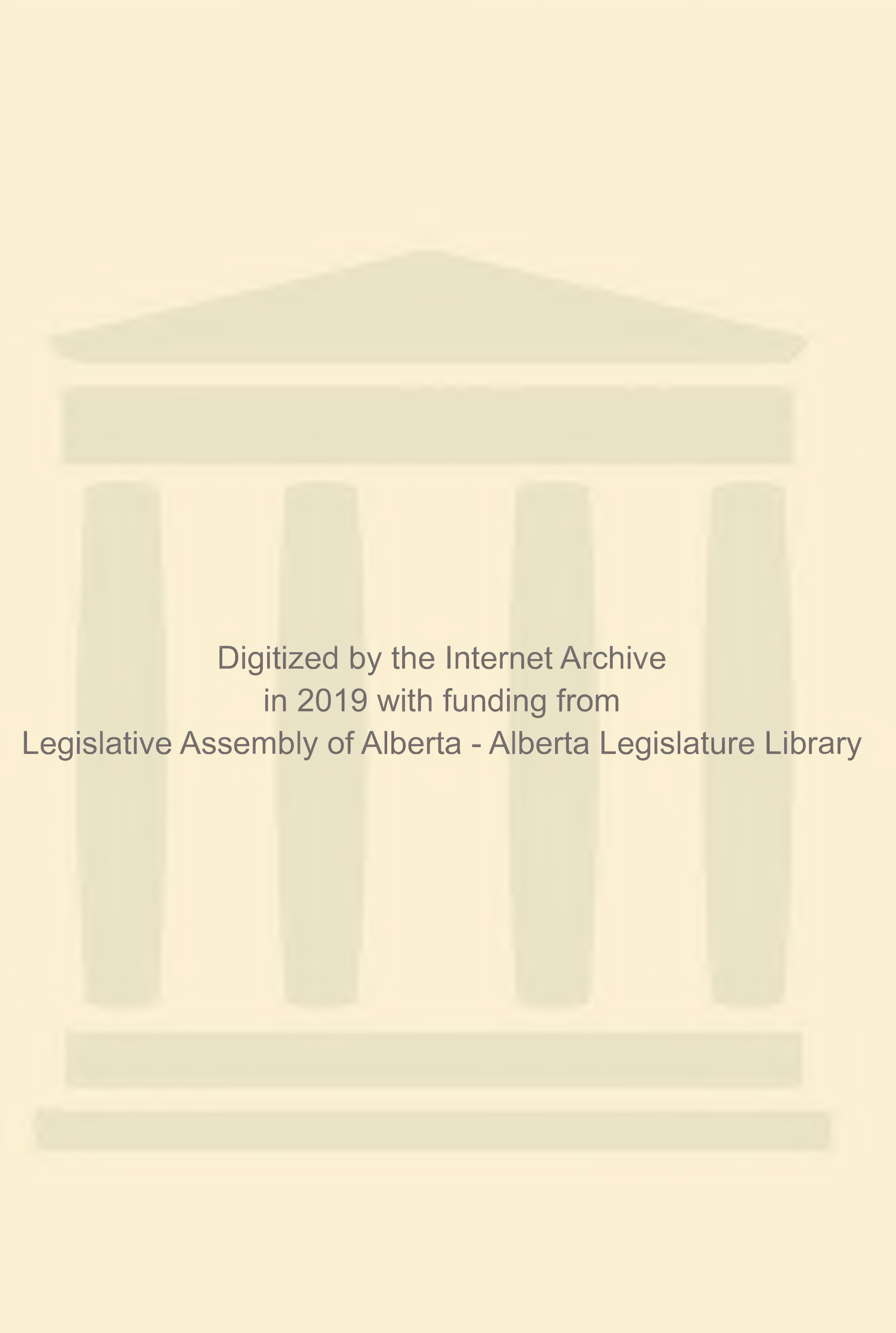
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TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK

1. LOCATION

The town of Pincher Creek is set in a countryside of gently rolling prairie and foothills, traversed by numerous small streams, creeks and rivers. However pleasant these features may be, they become somewhat insignificant due to the presence of the towering Rocky Mountains, a few miles to the west.

Within this attractive natural setting, Pincher Creek is found on Highway 6 approximately 2 miles south of the junction of Highways 3 and 6, the former being the main east-west route in south-western Alberta, while the latter is a minor highway connecting Highway 3 with the U.S. border.

Some highway distances from Pincher Creek are the City of Lethbridge, 64 miles; City of Calgary, 135 miles; the British Columbia boundary, 43 miles; and the Canadian-United States border, 44 miles.

The precise legal description of the town's location is "parts of Sections 14, 22 and 23 in Township 6, Range 30, West of the fourth Meridian."

2. TOPOGRAPHY

The general slope in the Pincher Creek district is from west to east, although there are sizable exceptions where it is a north to southeast and south to north east direction.

Some of the prominent land formations in the district include the Porcupine Hills to the north, the Livingstone Range to the north and the Flathead Range to the southwest.

The district is traversed by several rivers, including the Castle, the Waterton, and the Oldman. The Waterton dam and reservoir, a lake of some significance, is some 24 miles south east. There is a small creek, Kettles, which is mostly outside the town except for a short stretch in the south east corner and across the eastern projection of the town limits.

3. ALTITUDE

Pincher Station - 3,766 feet. Latitude 49/29.2 Longitude 113/57W.

Pincher Creek - estimated 3,666 feet.

4. TEMPERATURES

Summer temperature, June to August, average daily maximum 74.2; average daily minimum, 44.8; and mean daily temperature, 59.0.

Winter temperatures, December to February, average daily maximum, 29.5; average daily minimum, 10.9; and mean daily temperature, 20.3.

Annual temperature mean daily maximum, 51.6; mean daily minimum, 28.1; and mean daily temperature 39.9.

Mean annual rainfall is 12.16 inches; mean annual snowfall, 84.6 inches and mean annual total precipitation, 20.62 inches.

The average frost free period is 98 days, while the longest period has been 141 days, and the shortest, less than 31 days. Killing frost, 28 degrees, is not too much of a problem during the growing season.

From the livability point of view, with the warm summers, low rainfall, clear skies, sunshine and the moderating effect of the Chinook wind in the winter, there is much to be said for the climate of Pincher Creek.

5. SOILS

Pincher Creek lies near the boundary between the Shallow Black soil zone and the Black soil zone, a transition taking place a few miles west of the town.

This demarcation line also roughly divides the grassland from the parkland regions. At the Shallow Black surface, the 'A' horizon averages ten inches, with its upper three-to-six inches black in color. The 'B' horizon is usually brown to dark brown, and the lime horizon is found at depths of 24 to 30 inches below the surface. Soils in this zone are usually fairly well supplied with nitrogen and organic matter. The vegetation is a combination of grassland and woodlands, mainly in the form of deciduous trees. Furthermore, the zone is characterized by broken topography in which there is a mixture of timber, grazing, and arable lands. The valleys contain the most fertile arable soils, while the steep ridges are best for pasture and the lower slopes of the mountains are covered with commercial timber.

6. GEOLOGY

Pincher Creek is located on the margin of the foothills on the western upturned border of the Alberta Syncline. The townsite itself is underlain by early Tertiary rocks of fresh water and deltaic origin. Immediately west of Pincher Creek the uplift of the foothills area brings folded Upper Cretaceous strata of the St. Mary, Belly River, and Colorado formations to the surface. While the Colorado shale is of marine origin, the others are thick freshwater and deltaic formations. The beds on the margin of the foothills are intensely folded and on one of the folds, the Pincher Creek gas field is found, productive from the Paleozoic limestone at a depth greater than two miles below the surface. Much glacial debris is found on the surface, with most of it being derived from the mountains in the west.

7. HISTORY

The town of Pincher Creek, in the province's southwest corner, was established about 1874, and incorporated as a town, May 12, 1906.

Versatile Pincher Creek with a promising future is cradled in the foothills and is the northern doorway to scenic Waterton Park.

"Spitzee" was the name given to the pioneer settlement by the Indians. "Spitzee", meaning a stream with trees along its banks, was the name given

to the creek which flows through the town, and legend has it that a pair of pincers (pinchers as it is sometimes spelt) were lost by a party of prospectors around 1868. Tools being precious in those days, this was naturally a calamity and as such was commemorated in the name given to this stream.

Whatever its origin this place's name is unique, as is the fact that no railway trains disturb the quiet of the community. The nearest railway line is two miles north of the town on the C.P.R. line between Lethbridge to the east and the Crow's Nest Pass to the west.



The town gets its name from this sprightly creek which runs through the centre of the town.

It was in 1878 that the first white settlers, three in number, built shacks of roughly hewn logs with sod roofs on the stream. The North West Mounted Police and cattle ranching were two factors responsible for the town coming into existence. The police were organized in 1873 to bring law and order to Western Canada, and in order to carry out their duties, they established a fort at Macleod, a distance of some 32 miles. To provide for the needs of the men, a dairy farm south of Fort Macleod and a horse ranch along Pincher Creek were established in 1875. It is believed that these two agricultural enterprises were the first of such in south-western Alberta.

In the early 1880's, many large ranches were settled in this district by ex-policemen and other pioneers who needed the essentials of water, pasture and the shelter of trees.

The land around Pincher Creek was surveyed for homesteads in 1883, and it was in that year also, that the district's first wheat was grown by Francis Willock. The few heads of Golden Chaff, brought from Ontario, were found in Mr. Willock's pocket.

This beginning of agriculture by the first settlers continued throughout the years, and the area has since developed into excellent rangeland and lush farm fields. Noted for their outstanding cattle, many ranchers have won top awards at the Toronto Royal Winter Fair.

The late A. H. Lynch-Staunton left an interesting account of the founding of the farming settlement. In part he said, "There were no roads, no fences, no bridges, and no taxes. All around us stretched prairie, a sea of moving grass reaching to our stirrups. Ahead wandered 200 horses, and behind came the wagons and implements. The whole country swarmed with chickens, ducks and antelopes and deer. The nearest railroad was G.T.R. ending at Sarnia, Ontario, and the Union Pacific in the United States. Pulling into Pincher Creek we proceeded to build barracks which was a fine structure in those days, log shacks with sod roofs and dirt floors, which was the accepted habitation for the whites west of Winnipeg.

Our work was to police the country from the U.S. line to the Porcupine Hills and west to the rockies . . . to raise horses . . . and to keep our buttons shined. Supplies came from Fort Benton, Montana and our food consisted of sow belly and dried apples. The sow belly was the regular, the apples the luxury. The whiskey was bootleg . . . the people of the northwest being very apt at this. It was some years before the place was anything but a police post, but gradually stray white men began to drift in."

The founders of the farms and barracks were Bill Reid, Charlie Kettles, Jack Johnson, Pete McEwan, Lynch-Staunton, Parker, Grier, Jim Bruneau, and Major Shurtcliffe.

Peter Provost and Keough sold their land, on which part of the town now stands, to A. M. Morden in 1880. It was the Mordens who were the first family to settle here. Ranching companies formed in the 1880's were Butte, Waldron, Oxley, and Alberta, to name a few. Other settlers of the 80's were Colonel J. E. Macleod, Alfred Wilson, Bill Ives, Charles Schoening, Timothee Lebel, Frank and George La Vasseurs, Joe Mongeons, Edward and Pete La-Grandeur and many others representing many nationalities.

In 1882, the town site of Pincher Creek was laid out by Charles Kettles. His son, John, born in 1884 was the first white child born in Pincher Creek. Other firsts were Dr. Frank Meade, practising physician; E. J. Mitchell, first druggist; and H. E. Hyde, the first banker and postmaster.

Another name to be remembered is that of the late John P. Marcellus, the first MLA of this area, in 1905, and who had a hand in forming the first provincial legislative assembly.

Arthur Edgar Cox, conducted the first school in 1884, which was a semi-private one with a dominion grant. Classes were carried on daily in this one room until 1897, when another room was added.

With only four homes in Pincher Creek at the time, his first six pupils were Fred Willock, Isie Willock, Willie Ives, Nellie Ives, and Fred and Adelaide Morden. The school trustees in 1888 were Francis Willock, as chairman of School District 121; H. E. Hyde, secretary-treasurer; A. H. Lynch-Staunton, assessor; and Charles Kettles and Charles Geddes. A long line of teachers followed from 1898 to 1902, and K. P. Stewart of Lethbridge was appointed as principal in 1908. It was at that time that a high school department was established and Mr. Stewart was re-engaged in 1910 at a salary of \$900 a year. Summer vacations ran from August 3 to 20. Since that time education has played a prominent role in the community. Today over 1600 students attend classes at five public and high schools.

Incorporated May 12, 1906, the first meeting was held in the fire hall on June 5, 1906, when the following took their oaths of office: J. H. McEachern as the first mayor; R. Bertles, Robert Cooper, J. E. Shoultz, Andrew Christie, G. H. Dionne, and J. J. Scott as the first councillors. Secretary-treasurer was S. W. Berry and the town police constable was W. H. Reed.

The first hospital was built in 1901 as a memorial to the sons of the district who fell in the South African War. Nurse Edith McKerricher was the first matron. The present St. Vincent's hospital was operated by the Daughters of Jesus and opened in 1925 in a brick house built by Timothee Lebel, an early merchant. Enlarged over the years, it is presently a modern hospital in every respect, and has accommodations for 56 beds and nine bassinets.

St. John's, the oldest Anglican church in Alberta, marks its 85th anniversary on August 17 of this year. Built before the diocese of Calgary was created, St. John's claims to be the oldest Anglican church in Alberta in continuous use over the past 85 years. The first service was held on Easter Day, 1883, by Rev. S. R. Trivett at the home of N. F. M. Scobie, a rancher living near what is now Pincher Creek. Rev. H. Havelock-Smith became the first rector of the parish in 1888, in the church which was constructed for the sum of \$2,800 and which opened for divine service August 17, 1884, with a congregation of 60 present.

The Methodist church was built that same year and the Presbyterian church in 1887. The combined churches now form the United Church of Canada.

The first Catholic church was Father Lacombe's "Hermitage" built at a cost of \$300 in 1886. Father Lacombe came west to the Red River settle-

ment in 1849. His activities from about 1852 were centered in Alberta. In 1882 he was with the Blackfoot, Peigan and Blood Indians of the south, founding a mission in Fort Macleod. He covered all of south Alberta ministering to both Indians and whites and retired to his "Hermitage" in 1887. The shrine is being presently restored by the local Historical Society. A new modern St. Michael's Catholic Church was completed in April 1966 at a cost of \$181,000.

North America's first polo games were played on the outskirts of the town around 1886. An early settler in the district brought the polo sticks and balls with him, and for awhile local ponies chased the polo balls more than the cows.

The town has been oil and gas conscious ever since 1902 when, at that time, the first well was drilled southwest of town. On December 28, 1947, Canadian Gulf Oil discovered a major wet gas field approximately 14 miles southeast of the town site. British American Oil Company Limited (now Gulf Oil) took over the Pincher Creek field from Canadian Gulf and constructed a \$25,000,000 natural gas processing plant in January 1957.

Although the economic security of Pincher Creek was based primarily on agricultural prosperity, the oil and gas brought promise of a bright and expanding industrial future. The third and last stage of the plant was completed in 1959.

Shell Canada Ltd.'s Waterton gas plant was started in April 1961 and went on stream in February 1962.

In the Lookout Butte field, a \$2,500,000 gas cycling plant jointly owned by the two companies was constructed, and went into operation in 1963. This has created employment for some 225 families.



Accommodation is modern and well out along boulevards and cement sidewalked streets.

8. LIVING CONDITIONS

Nestled in a valley, two and one half miles south of Highway 3 and 6 junction, Pincher Creek is the northern gateway to Waterton Lakes Park, a distance of 29 miles, and to Glacier National Park, Montana, a distance of 50 miles. Nine miles from Beauvais Lake Provincial Park, the area is a vacationer's paradise. The foothills are inhabited by big game for the hunter, and the streams and lakes are noted for their fish. In the shadows of the Rockies, it is the rainfall, sunshine and Chinook winds that make it one of the fastest growing and surest farming district in the West. The same conditions with ample shelter, abundant grass, and water make it an excellent country for ranchers and farmers. Thousands of head of cattle, tops in quality, go through the Community Auction Sales every year.

Residents take pride in their homes and gardens, and it takes just one visit to the annual agricultural fair, to see the many varieties of vegetables and flowers that are grown.

Citizens of the community, and visitors alike, have many recreational facilities to enjoy. They include a nine-hole golf course, heated swimming pool, bowling alley, skating and curling rinks, a ski hill, playgrounds for the children, as well as baseball and softball areas. Two lovely parks, beauty spots of flowers and trees, are located in the heart of town for all to enjoy. The local garden club members voluntarily plant over 2,500 plants each year in the parks.

Transportation is by bus and transport; communication facilities include a post office, telegraph and telephone.

Nine churches serve the spiritual needs of the community. Two banks, a provincial treasury branch, and a credit union provide financial facilities.

Utilities consist of natural gas, power, and large, up to date, sewer and water systems.

Health services include a 56 bed hospital, six doctors with a group practice health clinic, one independent doctor, one dentist, one chiropractor, and two drug stores. There is also an ambulance service.

The most modern and up to date public and separate schools teach grades one to twelve.

There is a weekly newspaper with a circulation of 1,720, and a public library with some 8,000 volumes.

Two hotels, three motels, four trailer parks, and a camp kitchen located right in the town, provide accommodation for the traveller.

Crestview Lodge is a modern home for senior citizens.

Several fraternal organizations, service clubs, and an active recreation department, provide an outlet for public service and diversified activities.

9. ADMINISTRATION

The town is governed by a mayor who is elected for a three-year term, and six councillors, two of whom are elected each year for a three-year term. The town affairs are administered by a secretary-treasurer in accordance with the policy set by the council. The town also has a full time recreation director. The town offices, fire department, municipal library, ambulance service and meeting rooms, as well as public restrooms are housed in a 80 x 96 foot cinder brick building, which includes a four-bay fire hall.

10. LAW ENFORCEMENT

The town proper is policed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, one sergeant and three constables. Other R.C.M.P. also police the highway and rural areas.

There is a circuit judge who comes twice weekly or as often as is necessary, and a justice of peace, and bailiff who help maintain justice.

11. FIRE PROTECTION

The fire brigade consists of a Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, one Captain and 17 volunteer firemen. This department also takes care of the ambulance service, with eight drivers, eight assistants, who are on 24-hour call.

The equipment consists of one three-ton Dodge truck equipped with front end pump, with a storage of 500 gallons with a rating of 640 g.p.m. at 250 p.s.i.; one two and a half ton Dodge front mount pump with 500 gallon tank; six foamite extinguishers with 2,500 feet of 2½ inch hose, and 4,000 feet of 1½ inch hose; two 2½ inch, six 1½ inch and four 2½ inch shutoff, two 1½ inch fog and one 2½ inch fog nozzles; three gas masks; one air mask; one resuscitator; axes, hoses and such; two twelve-foot, two twenty four foot and one forty-five foot extension ladders; one smoke ejector; one 10 h.p. electric siren atop the town hall, with a manual switch in the town hall and automatic switches on ten fire phones. There are 65 hydrants distributed throughout the town with a static pressure of 60 to 90 pounds per square inch. Headquarters are in the town hall, where there is a four-bay fire hall.

12. POWER

In 1929, Calgary Power Limited was granted a franchise to supply the town with power. Domestic single phase, and commercial three phase 60 cycle power is still supplied by them.

The rates, available only for lighting, heating, cooking, domestic power, and ordinary uses in private houses and apartments used exclusively for residential purposes, are: first 20 kwh (or less) per month \$2.60 gross maximum, subject to 30c prompt payment discount, making \$2.30 net minimum. All over 20 kwh. used per month is 1½c net per kwh.

Note: A discount of 30c applies on all bills paid within the discount period. There is no connection charge except for \$1.00 for trailer courts.

13. ENERGY CHARGE

First 40 kwh per month per kilowatt - demand 5c per kwh. Next 70 kwh per month per kilowatt - demand 3c per kwh. All additional kwh per month per kilowatt - demand 1½c per kwh. Discount: 10% if paid within discount period, based on even dollars only of the total bill, with a minimum of 30c discount. Minimum charge - \$2.30 net per month or demand charge if greater. Reconnection charge is \$6.00.

Power service (A.C.) available for motors, rectifiers, commercial heating apparatus and such, in commercial establishments: service charge - \$1.00 per month per kilowatt-ampere (KVA) of installation (one motor horsepower or one kilowatt in heating apparatus to be considered equivalent to one KVA).

Energy charge: First 50 kwh per month per KVA of installation - 5c per kwh. Next 50 kwh per month per KVA of installation - 3½c per kwh. Over 100 kwh per month per KVA of installation - 1½c per kwh. Discount: 10% if paid within discount period — based on the even dollars only of the total bill within a minimum discount of 30c. Minimum charge is \$3.00 net per month. Minimum deposit is \$6.00.

14. GAS

Plains Western Gas and Electric Company Limited supplies the town with natural gas service.

Rates: \$2.50 for the first 2 MCF per month. All over - 48c per MCF for the balance with a minimum monthly charge of \$2.50.

Commercial rates: Available to consumers using over 1,000 MCF per year. Service charge is \$12.50 per month. Commodity rate is 36c per MCF with a minimum monthly charge of \$12.50.

Applicants for service shall deposit for residences, \$10.00 and for commercial, \$15.00.

Liquified Petroleum Gas: Heat value of 2,521 b.t.u. per gallon at 60 degrees Fahrenheit; 100 pound cylinder - \$6.00; bulk, 17c per gallon; storage facilities - 25,000 gallons.

Diesel Fuel: Heat value of 135,000 to 140,000 b.t.u. per gallon at 60 degrees Fahrenheit; summer and winter grade, 19.5c plus tax where applicable; storage facilities, 50,000 gallons.

15. WATER AND SEWER

An extension to the sewer system was built in 1962 at a cost of \$130,000. In June 1966, an extension to the water system, and a new water treatment plant were completed at a cost of \$275,000. Both systems are capable of handling a population of 10,000 persons. The water is obtained one mile west of the town, passes through a natural filtering bed, into pipe on gravity to the raw water reservoir. The water is then chlorinated at the treatment plant.

The water analysis, parts per million, is as follows. Total solids, 352; ignition loss, 164; hardness, 236; sulphates, 46; chlorides, nil; alkalinity, 214, nature of alkalinity, bicarbonate of lime and magnesium; nitrates, nil; nitrites, nil; iron, 0.20; flourine, 1.01; brought up to 1.01 at the treatment plant. The water is chemically suitable for human consumption.

Sewer and water rates for domestic and a five-to-six room house, are charged at an average of \$15.00 per two months. Businesses require water meters, with a floating rate that is a minimum of \$4.00 and the number of gallons used.

There are two miles of storm sewers, thirteen miles of sanitary sewers, and fifteen miles of water mains.

16. HEALTH SERVICES

The St. Vincent's Hospital is operated by the Daughters of Jesus. There are 56 beds and nine bassinets; the hospital is staffed by 17 registered nurses, 18 certified nursing aides, one certified orderly, five ward aides, one laboratory technician, one x-ray technician, one dietary technician, and one pharmacist.

Rates are: For residents, public ward, \$5.00 for the first day and \$2.50 for each day thereafter; semi-private, \$6.40 for the first day, and \$3.90 for each day thereafter; private, \$8.40 for the first day and \$5.90 for each day thereafter.

Non-residents, public, \$25.00 per day; semi-private, \$26.40 per day; private, \$28.40 per day.

The Chinook Health unit with offices in the Municipal building, conducts well-baby clinics on each Wednesday of the month, and calls monthly at the schools. Other health services are the Associate Clinic, operated by



Residents of a wide district are served by the modern facilities of St. Vincents' Hospital which originated in the older corner structure above.

five doctors of medicine, and one doctor with an independent practise. There is one dentist, one chiropractor, two drug stores, and an optometrist who calls weekly.

There is a 1965 Dodge ambulance, manned by the fire department personnel. It is a one patient vehicle, contains an oxygen tank, a resuscitator, and two-way radios. There are eight drivers and eight assistants on 24-hour call.

Crestview Lodge: Built by the provincial government, the lodge is a home for senior citizens from the south-western portion of Alberta, an area which covers Pincher Creek and District, Cowley, Lundbreck, Bellevue, Hillcrest, Frank, Blairmore, and Coleman. The \$250,000 home is U-shaped, and the building consists of a main lounge, dining area, three sitting rooms, a matron's room and supply rooms.

Two wings of the structure contain bedrooms, some of which are single and others which are double. It will accommodate 50 persons.

17. PROFESSIONAL AND SKILLED SERVICES (excluding health services)

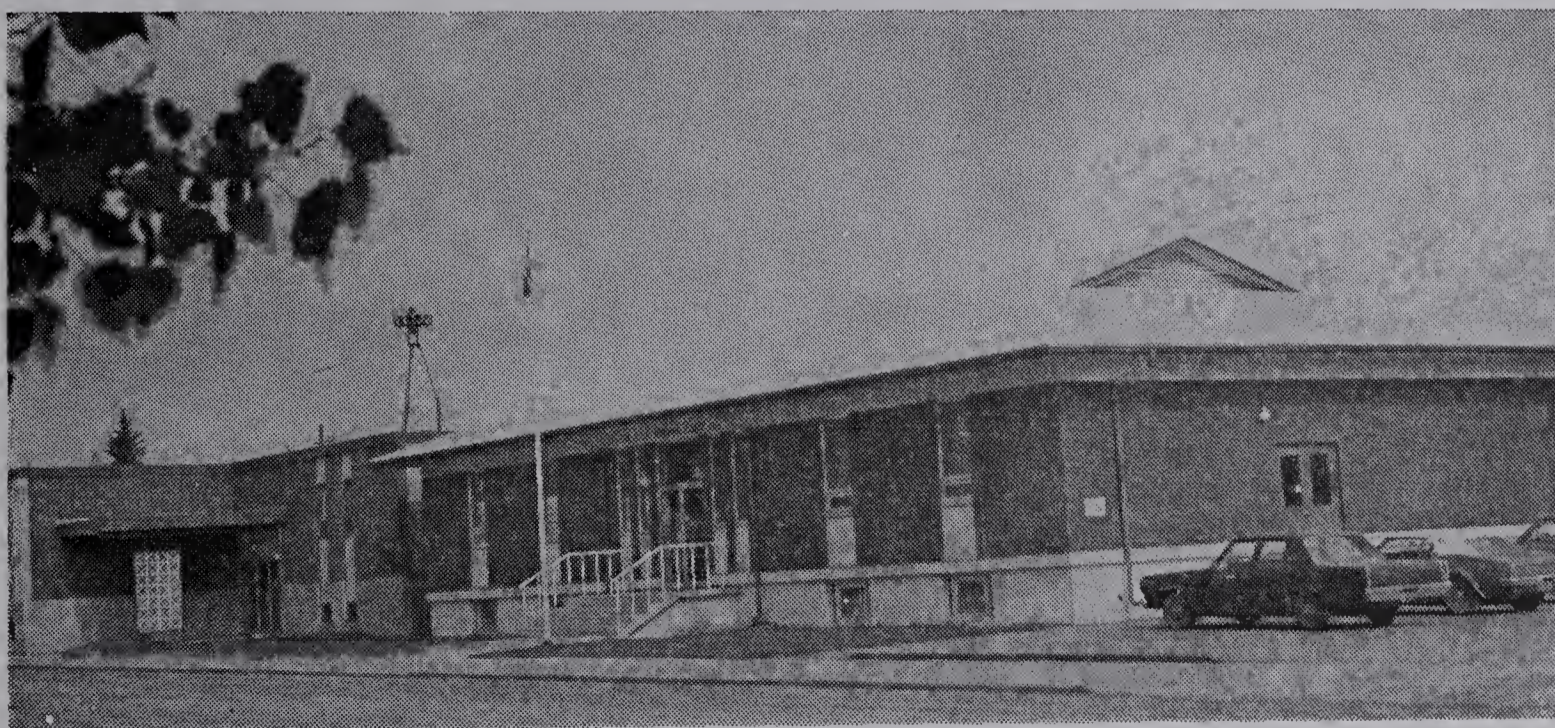
There are two auditors and public accountants, one resident lawyer and two calling, three beauty parlors, four barber shops, one watch repair service, one veterinarian, and one auctioneer.

18. INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS

There is a creamery, pasteurizing plant, newspaper, cleaners, and welding and machine shops. With the exception of the creamery, all of the establishments may be regarded as small scale service industries.

19. RESOURCES

Wheat and coarse grains, forage crops, grass seeds, horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, dairy products, lumber, coal, iron ore, gas, propane, oil, sulphur, and gravel.



Affairs of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek are conducted from this well planned office building.

20. PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES

Magistrates office and court house, post office, R.C.M.P. barracks, Department of Lands and Forest Office, Department of Transport weather station, liquor vendor, Alberta Government Telephones, and Treasury Branch.

21. MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town hall housing offices of the secretary-treasurer, recreation director, as well as fire department, ambulance service, library, Red Cross unit and supplies, and Emergency Measures Organization. Also, there is a Public Works department east of the town, Fairview cemetery, the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9, and the Chinook Health Unit.

22. TAX STRUCTURE

	1968 net assessment
Land, 100% of value	\$ 792,790.00
Improvements, 60% of fair value	3,325,330.00
Business	412,980.00
Power	57,720.00
TOTAL	\$4,588,820.00

Mill Rate for Public Schools:

Municipal - 26 School - 39 Hospital - 5 Total - 70

Mill Rate for Separate Schools:

Municipal - 26 School - 39 Hospital - 5 Total - 70



A large modern community centre serves winter and summer for recreation pursuits.

Areas	Acres
Area of Town	450
Area of streets and roads	85
Area of parks and playgrounds	90

Miles of roads, streets, and alleys:

	Paved	Gravel	Unpaved	Total
Provincial main	1 mile			1
Streets and roads	1 mile	14 miles		15
Lanes and alleys		1 mile		1
				17

There are 10 miles of cement sidewalks and curb and gutter.

A paving construction program to pave all the streets within the town is in progress and by the end of this year or spring of 1970, the whole of the town will have paved streets.

23. CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

The Pincher Creek Municipal Library was a joint Centennial project of the town and the Municipal District No. 9, and is part of the town hall complex. The library is sponsored by the town, municipality, government grant and membership fees.

Library hours are as follows: Tuesdays - from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Wednesdays - 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Thursdays - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays - 12 noon to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays - 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Along with a librarian, there are several citizens who do voluntary work at the library. It contains 8,000 books.

The Memorial Community Centre arena was built in 1964 at a cost of \$200,000. It contains artificial ice, heated, public address system, concessions, and a seating capacity of 1450 persons.

The swimming pool is a modern 45 x 82 foot, 25 metre Olympic, heated pool. It was constructed in 1961 at a cost of \$65,000.

There is skiing at West Castle Mountain, 30 miles southwest of Pincher Creek. There are four Mueller lifts and a 3200 foot vertical rise.

Other activities are the Pincher Creek Community Band, drama club, and Teen Town.

Youth activities for boys includes Scouts, Cubs, Teen Town, 4-H Clubs, and the Junior Forest Wardens. For girls there are Guides, Brownies, Teen Town, C.G.I.T., 4-H Clubs, and the Forest Guards.

Sports include Hockey from the Pee Wees to the senior level, baseball, junior and senior, softball, basketball, golf, badminton, curling, skiing, figure skating and swimming.

24. ANNUAL EVENTS

This includes the Pincher Creek and District Agricultural Fair, and Pioneer Days, the Horse Show and Junior Rodeo, and the Kin Kastle Karnival.

25. TRANSPORTATION

Greyhound Bus Lines have two buses each way daily between Fort Macleod and Fernie, B.C. with through trips to Vancouver. There is also a local charter service.

Canadian Pacific Railway - nearest passenger service is on the dayliner running from Macleod on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Canadian Pacific Transport and Express is trucked daily from Calgary and Lethbridge.

A private airport, east of town, for light aircraft.

26. NEWSPAPER

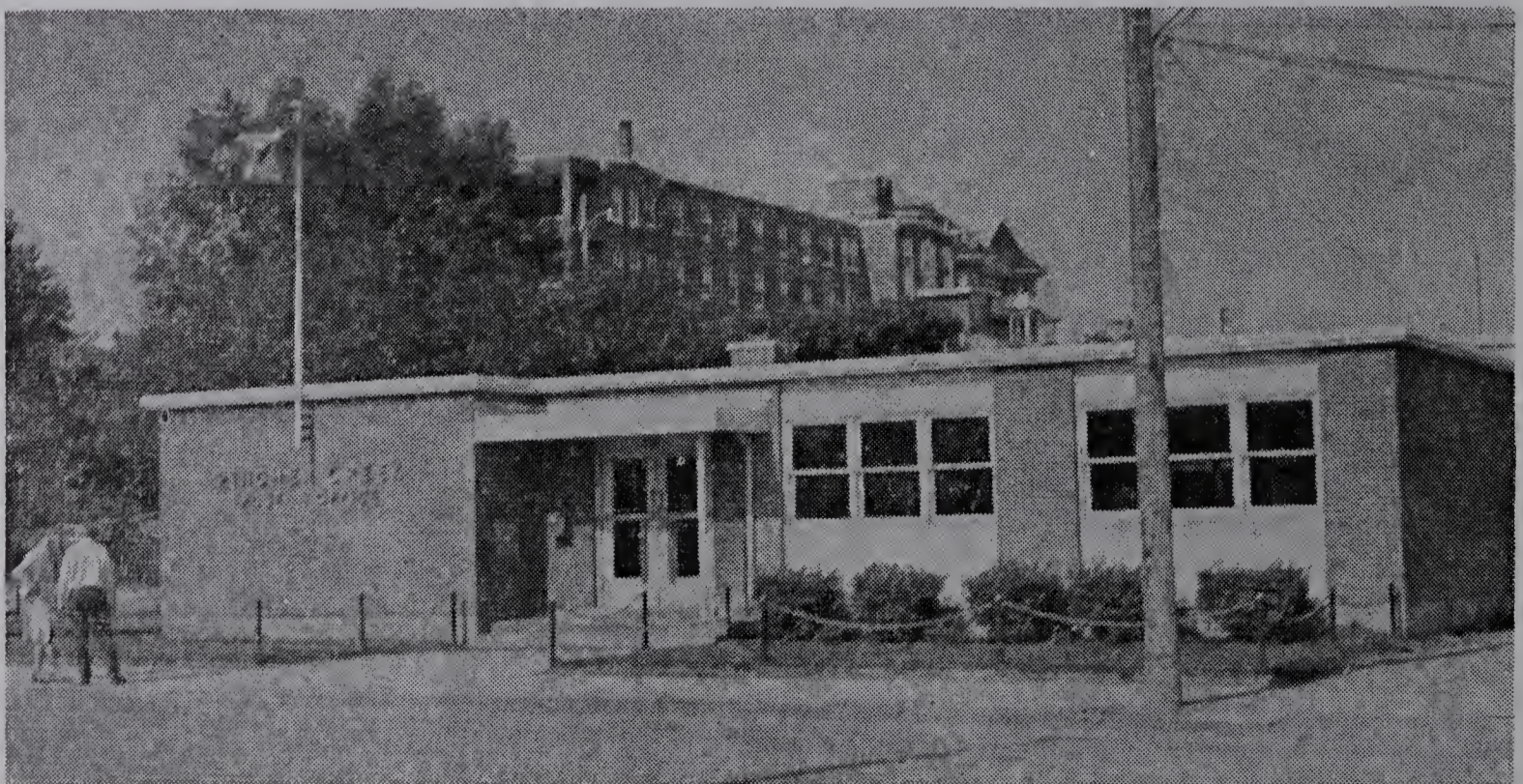
The Pincher Creek Echo, a weekly publication, with a circulation of 1720.

27. COMMUNICATIONS

Alberta Government Telephones; Canadian Pacific Telegraphs - toll free from Lethbridge; Post Office; nearest radio stations - CHEC and CJOC, Lethbridge; nearest television station, CJLH and CFCN, Lethbridge.

28. FINANCIAL FACILITIES

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce; Royal Bank of Canada; Provincial Treasury Branch; Pincher Creek and District Savings and Credit Union.



Pincher Creek post office is an attractive one-storeyed structure centrally located.

29. HOTELS

	No. of Rooms	Single Rate	Licensed
King Edward	37	\$3.50 and up	Yes
Alberta	21	\$3.00 and up	Yes

30. MOTELS

	No. of Units	Grade	Rate
Foothills	15 (some with kitchens)	Gov't Approved	\$8.00 and up
Parkway	14 (7 kitchen units)	A.A.A. and C.A.A.	\$9.00 and up (double)
Tee Pee	9	Gov't Approved	\$6.00 and up

31. TRAILER PARKS

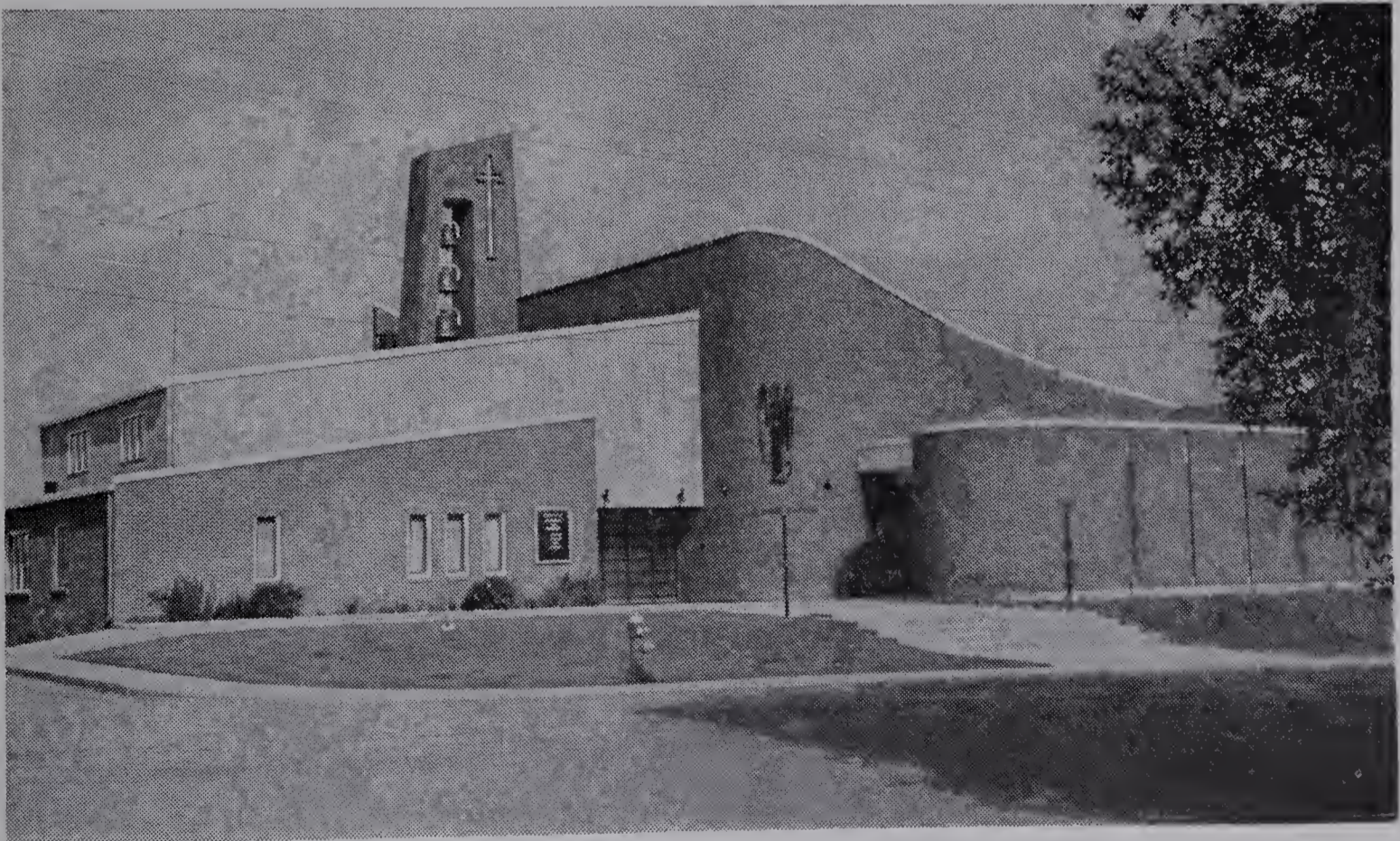
There are four such parks with stalls for an approximate 150 trailers. There is also a campsite and kitchen just off Highway 6 in the town.

32. CHURCHES

Anglican, Baptist, Latter-day Saints (Mormon), Lutheran, Roman Catholic, United, Pentecostal, Mennonite Brethren, Christian Reform.

33. FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICE CLUBS

B.P.O. Elks, Mason, I.O.O.F., Orange, Knights of Columbus, Eastern Star, I.O.D.E., Rebekahs, Royal Canadian Legion, Chamber of Commerce, Lions, Kinsmen, Kinettes, Ladies' Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion, and St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary.



Religious needs of the community are met by churches of many denominations.

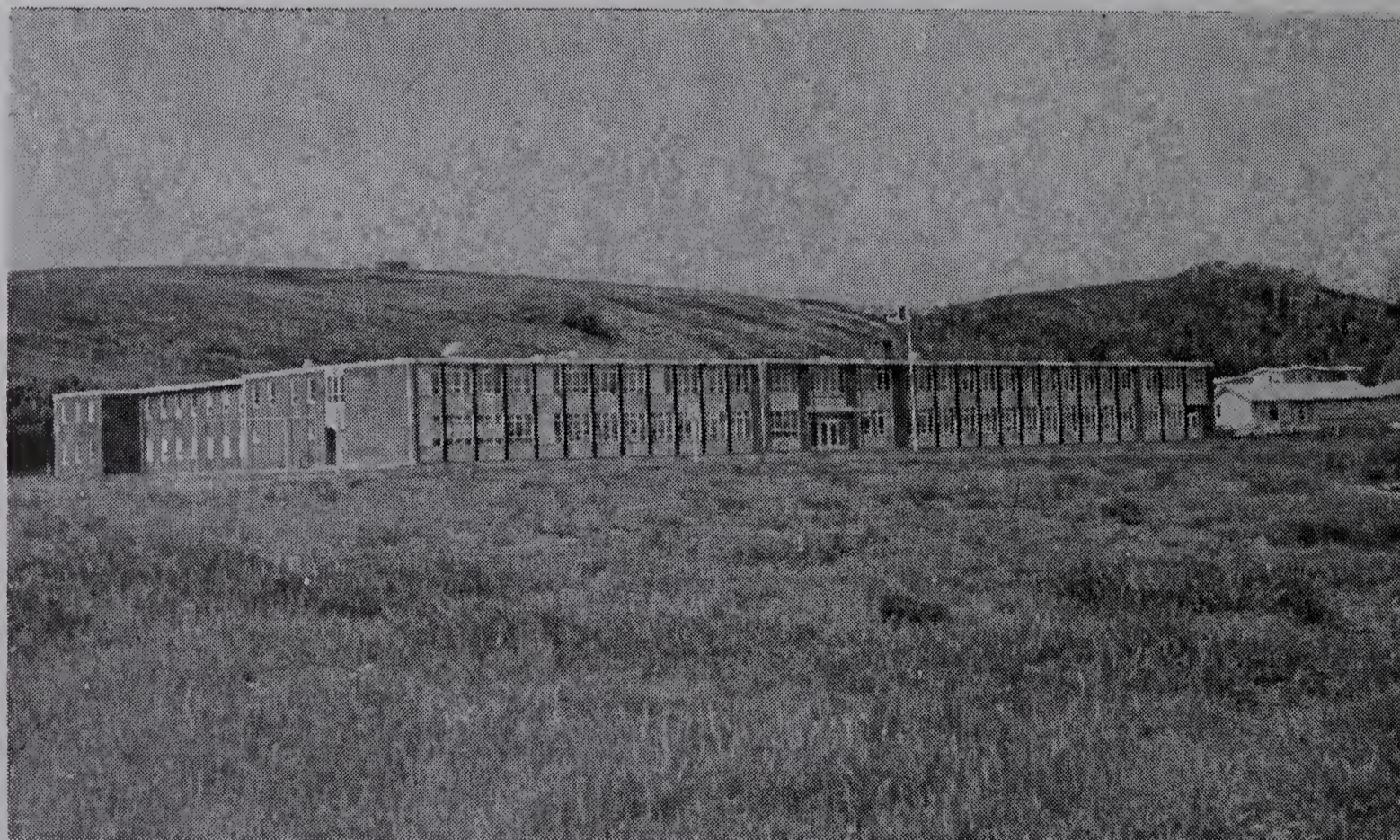
34. SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Alberta Teachers' Association, Parent's and Teacher's Association, Napi Friendship Association, Fish and Game Association, Badminton, Hockey and Curling clubs, Figure Skating Association, Red Cross Society, Alberta Association of Registered Nurses, St. John's Anglican Church Women, United Church Women, Catholic Women's League, Pincher Creek and District Historical Society, Pincher Creek and District Agricultural Society, Old Timers' Association, and Old Age Pensioners' Association.

35. SCHOOLS

There are five very modern and well-equipped schools in the town. Matthew Halton Senior High, Valleyfair Junior High, Central, and Canyon schools are part of the Pincher Creek School Division No. 29. Grades 1 to 12 are taught along with business education, industrial arts — which includes automotives, woodworking, electronics, and ceramics. There are twenty-nine teachers and 594 pupils in the elementary grades 1 to 6. There are thirty-four teachers in the junior and senior high, teaching 285 pupils in grades 7 to 9, and 246 students in grades 10 to 12. Eighteen school buses provide transportation for the rural students.

St. Michael's Roman Catholic Separate School is in the R.C.S. District No. 18. Grades 1 to 12 are taught along with business education, typing, business machines, social sciences and languages. In the elementary school grades 1 to 6, there are 12 teachers and 300 pupils. In the junior and senior high grades, there is a total of 224 pupils — 134 in grades 7 to 9, and 90 in grades 10 to 12. The junior and senior high students are taught by twelve teachers plus five teachers in the administrative and related tasks.



The High School at Pincher Creek is large, modern and serves a wide district.

36. THEATRES AND HALLS

	Capacity	Stage	Piano
Fox Theatre	470	Yes	No
School Auditoriums			
Matthew Halton	900	Yes	Yes
Valleyfair	600	Yes	Yes
Canyon	700	Yes	Yes
St. Michael's	500	Yes	Yes

Halls include St. Michael's Parish, St. John's Anglican, Orange, and Dieppe Memorial.

37. POPULATION

The town population is 3,158 with an additional 2,739 persons living in the municipal district. There are approximately 800 houses and 95 business buildings. An average of ten new homes are built every year. The rent for a six-room home is around \$100 although this figure varies.

38. BUILDING REGULATIONS

There is a building and zoning bylaw. Plans for all new buildings and major alterations must be approved by the council before any building is commenced. Electrical installations must comply with the requirements of the Alberta Electrical Protection Act, and sanitary installations must comply with the Provincial health regulations.

The sub-divisions are all planned with the aid of the Oldman River Regional Planning Commission, of which the town is a member.

Eighty per cent of the town has sidewalks and gutters, and by the end of the year 1969, all streets and roads within the town will be paved.



The main streets of the modern town are paved, and busy with traffic.

39. SITES

There are several fully serviced ideal industrial sites available. There is also a new residential sub-division which is completely serviced with sewer and water, and several private and town owned lots which sell at a reasonable price.

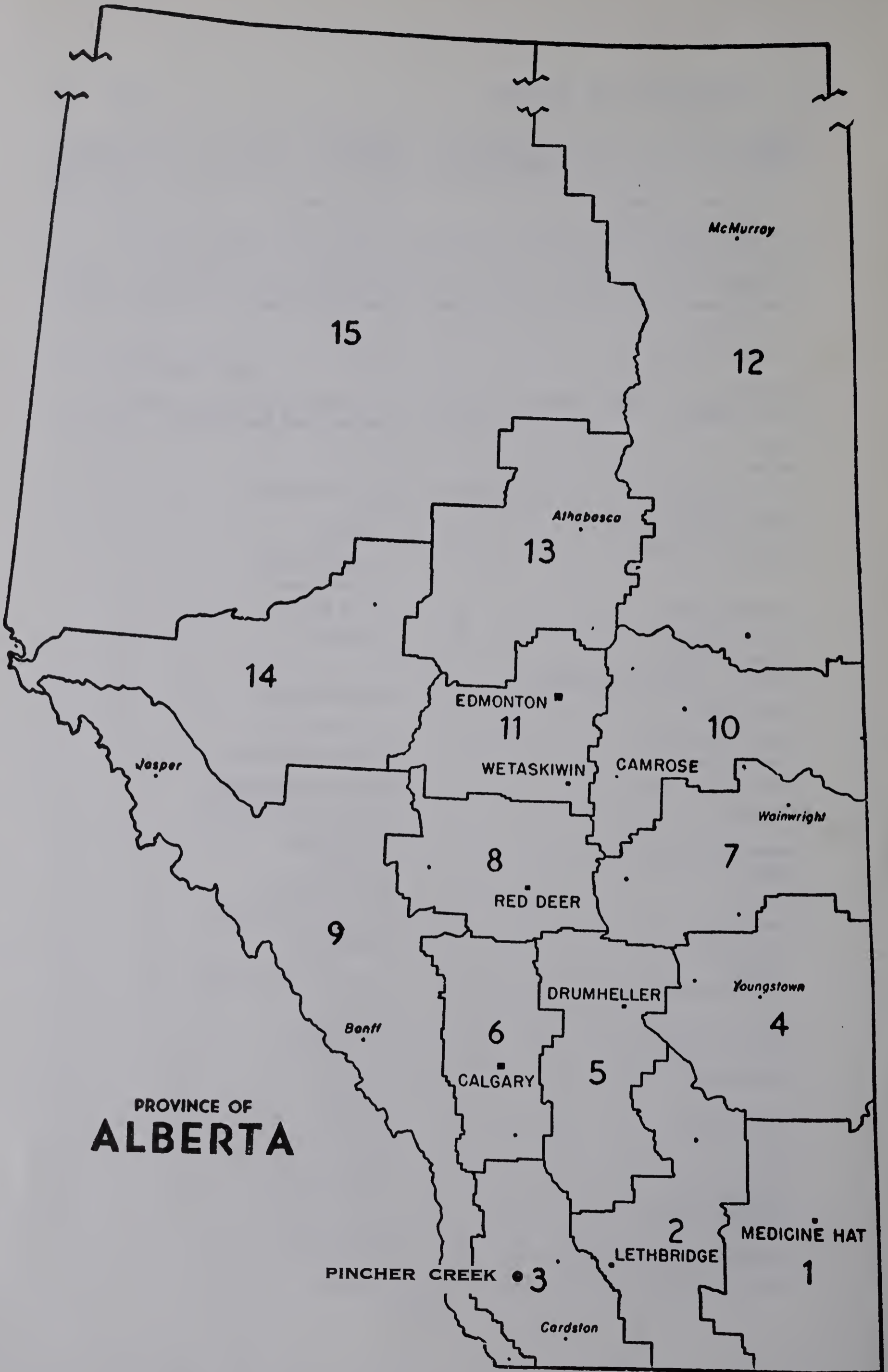
With the large up to date sewer and water systems, the town can handle any type of industry and would welcome and aid such industries as much as possible — any industry that may want to settle in what could be best described as the most progressive and friendliest town in Southern Alberta.

40. CO-OPERATIVES

General store, Creamery, Cold Storage Locker Plant, Lumber Yard, Bulk Gas and Oil, and Bulk Fertilizer Plant.

41. INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESS

Type of Industry or Business	No. of Establishments	Type of Industry or Business	No. of Establishments
Accountants - Chartered	1	Grain Elevators	2
Accountants Service	1	Gas Companies	5
Appliance Repairs	2	Groceries	5
Auctioneers	1	Gunsmith	2
Auto Dealers	4	General Trucking	3
Auto Repairs	6	Hardwarees	3
Automotive Parts	1	Hotels	2
Bakeries	1	Implements - Farm	4
Beauty Parlors	3	Insurance and Real Estate	5
Banks	4	Jewellers	1
Barbers	4	Labor Contractors	3
Books and Stationery	see drug stores	Lawyers	1
Bowling Lanes	1	Calling	2
Building Contractors	2	Livestock Buyers	8
Butchers	4	Lumber Yards	2
Catalogue Sales	2	Liquor Store	1
Cartage Delivery	4	Laundromat	1
Clothing - Men's	3	Motels	3
Clothing - Women's and Children's	3	Music Teachers	4
Chiropractors	1	Oil Distributors	5
Charter Bus Lines	1	Optometrist - Calling	1
Confectionery	1	Printers and Publishers	1
Cold Storage Lockers	1	Painters and Decorators	2
Creameries	1	Photographer	1
Department Stores	2	Plumbers	2
Dairies	1	Propane Dealers	2
Dentist	1	Radio and TV Service	3
Drug Stores	2	Restaurants	9
Dry Cleaners	1	Sand and Gravel Dealers	4
Calling	3	Shoes	4
Coin Operated	1	Shoe Repairs	1
Electrical Appliances	3	Sporting Goods	1
Electrical Contractors	2	Theatres	1
Express Service	2	Tinsmiths	1
Funeral Parlors	1	Tire Shop	1
Finance Companies	2	Trailer Courts	4
Florist	1	Towing Service	1
Furniture Stores	1	Variety Stores	1
Furniture Movers	1	Veterinarian	1
Garages and Service Stations	10	Welding	6
General Contractors	3		



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