

Detroit that I do know and that is that in engineering and manufacturing practice they are on the average all of ten years ahead of any other center of the country. In the motor plants the manufacturing methods, the research laboratories, stock control, wage payment systems, etc. are so far ~~XXXXXX~~ ahead of what ~~XXX~~ you see elsewhere that there is little comparison. Here you find the best engineering brains in the country. Here we pay higher wages and make things cheaper than they do anywhere else. Proof of that is the rapidity with which this center changed over to war products which in the short space of a year are far exceeding in value the peak of motor output. You cant see these things on a brief stop here.

Detroit is not ~~XXXX~~ entirely motors. It is the center of the drug industry also. Parke-Davis and Frederick Stearns ~~##~~ make the most of them. All of those gelatin coated capsules of cod liver oil etc you see are made in Detroit. We hev blast Burnaces here also and the Great Lakes Steel Corp at Ecorse rolls most of the steel# going into ~~#####~~ autos.

Detroit likes to call itself the # "dynamic" city, as if there were something in the air here which gave the people living in this locality more enefgy than you ~~find~~ ^{find} elsewhere. The place is healthy, first in the U.S. in that respect I believe, but the thing that gives things here their zip is the orders for cars that roll in from all over the country. Industry creates practically all the wealth there is and we certainly have an industry here. The people here are like the people anywhere else but the motor industry has probably attractes some of the best engineering talent in the country.

Detroit is practically free from the graft and civiw scandaks which seem to a part of most older cities. However I doubt that is interesting. I never have seen Henry Ford altho I have lived here for 20 yrs. Once I was in a small store down town and noticed a motherly elderly lady there shopping. She and I were the only customers. When she left the clerk told me that she was Mrs. Henry Ford. There were no ladies in waiting or expensive clothes or big limousine outside. I don't suppose you practice for air raids in Lawrence. We do here. Have blackouts and the sirens wail. They had quite a time making them loud enough so that they could be heard very far. They are scattered over the city. But those in the know doubt that if ~~XXX~~ raiders come that they will waste any time in the residential districts. They will spot the lakes from the air and follow the Detroit river and try to strike the three big power plants along it. I approve of ainti raider preperation but doubt we will ever see one much as the axis would like to see us crippled.

When you come to Detroit the K. U. Alumni here will try to show you a little of the city and perhaps the foregoing will help you to see under the surface a bit. The statements above are strictly those of a Detroiter who was born and raised in Kansas and went to K.U. and now lives here and likes it. They carry no particular authority. We are looking forward to your visit and we want you to enjoy your stopever here.

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