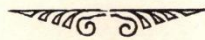
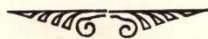


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Prepared by the
Kinmundy Chamber of Commerce
April 1, 1937

INTRODUCTION

The following pages contain a compact, yet complete and concise industrial survey of Kinmundy, Marion County, Illinois, a city with the manifold advantages of excellent railroad and hard surfaced highway facilities, agricultural, educational, cultural and recreational opportunities that make it an almost ideal city in which to locate an industry or to make a home.

The survey contains valuable information for those seeking industrial locations away from the congested metropolitan centers, yet not too far away to unnecessarily increase costs of production, and, from our geographic location, should lower the cost of distribution; where educated, American born workers in both skilled and common labor groups may be secured.

Especial attention is called to the high type of citizenry of Kinmundy and the surrounding community, to the exceptional transportation facilities afforded by two railroads extending in four directions, and the State Concrete Road; to the inexpensive and practically inexhaustible supply of electricity and water; to the geographic location of Kinmundy which is accessible to several metropolitan areas by an overnight haul; to the nearness of the great coalfields, which are so essential to the manufacturing industry.

Particular attention is also called to our highly modern school system, fine churches, many shaded streets, retail stores, banking facilities, the wonderful recreational advantages, and, last but not least, our congenial hospitality which abounds in southern Illinois.

In short, it is the purpose of this survey to point out to you the reason why we who live here believe you will find in Kinmundy practically all of the advantages of a city much larger, plus the value of small city homes which assure you enjoyment of life and satisfactory business conditions in every respect.

THE KINMUNDY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Incorporated in 1867

POPULATION—

1930 census, Kinmundy City 813; Kinmundy Township, 1,344;
Marion County, 35,604.

CLIMATE—

1936 Official Government Weather Chart,

Prepared by Joseph Schwartz, Salem, Ill., official Weather Observer.

Month	Rain	Snow	Temperature	
			High	Low
January	1.42	9.3	57	15 below
February	2.01	3.5	60	9 below
March	1.99	2.4	73	27
April	2.07	Trace	80	26
May	1.04		90	44
June	3.32		100	54
July	.62		110	58
August	1.58		106	56
September	3.22		97	52
October	3.44		82	32
November	3.34	.3	75	27
December	3.03	4.8	58	11
1937				
January	8.06	5.9	50	4 above
February	1.88	2.0	54	10 above
March	1.67	10.9	70	16

Total Precipitation for past ten years:

	Rain	Snow		Rain	Snow
1927	55.74	5.9	1932	36.83	11.4
1928	43.09	7.2	1933	36.14	5.8
1929	47.18	23.7	1934	40.20	24.5
1930	31.15	25.6	1935	46.15	5.9
1931	43.52	1.6	1936	27.08	20.3

ALTITUDE—

595 feet above sea level.

NATIONALITIES—

100 per cent American. No colored people.

LIGHTING—

Business section lighted by white way system, 8 to the block, suspended corner lights in residence district, every block, which burn all night.

WATER—

An abundant supply of water for any needs.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT—

Adermanic form. Mayor, six councilmen, city clerk and city treasurer are elective.

FIRE DEPARTMENT—

Volunteer. All motorized equipment.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—

One patrolman on night duty only but subject to day calls.

STREETS—

All main travelled streets scarified and oiled each year.

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS—

City and school district have no bonded indebtedness whatever, and are financially able to meet all current bills. Kinmundy Township has bonded indebtedness of \$10,000 for graveled roads. Also financially able to meet all current bills.

TAXES—

Entire levy for city, school and county governments was \$38.83 per \$1,000 equalized valuation. (No state tax in Illinois). Equalized valuation 50 per cent.

TELEPHONE SERVICE—

Telephone system owned and operated by Illinois Bell Telephone Company.

Rates: Business and office phones, private, per month.....\$2.75
Residence, one party, per month..... 1.75
Two party, per month..... 1.50
Four party, per month..... 1.25
Rural switching service, per month..... .50

PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICE—

Twenty-four hour electric service is supplied by the Central Illinois Public Service Company. Transmission lines enter the city carrying 33,000 volts. This company is in a position to supply an unlimited amount of electricity for any purpose.

Rates:

Residence Service

\$1.00 net for first 12 Kw-hrs or less.
7½ cents net per Kw-hr next 25 Kw-hrs.
5 cents net per Kw-hr next 25 Kw-hrs.
3 cents net per Kw-hr all additional use per month.

Commercial Service

8 cents net per Kw-hr first 90 hours' use maximum demand.
5 cents net per Kw-hr next 60 hours' use maximum demand.
3 cents net per Kw-hr all additional Kw-hrs.
Minimum Bill, Residence and Commercial: \$1:00 per month per meter.

Full Residential Service

Uncontrolled service:

\$2.50 net per month first 40 Kw-hrs or any part thereof.
4 cents net per Kw-hr next 90 Kw-hrs.
2 cents net per Kw-hr all over 130 Kw-hrs.

Controlled Service:

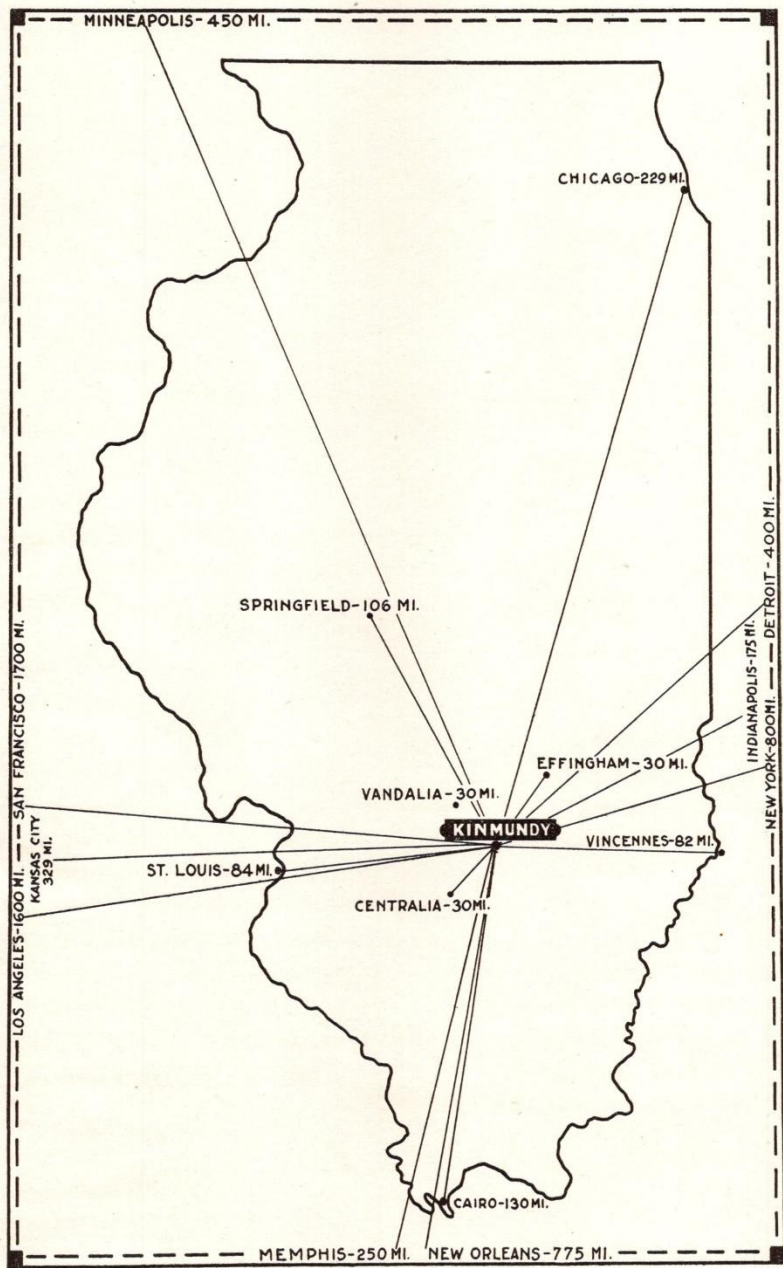
1 cent net per Kw-hr for all Kw-hrs used.

Power Service

7 cents net per Kw-hr first 50 hours' use maximum demand.
4 cents net per Kw-hr next 1000 Kw-hrs.
3 cents net per Kw-hr next 4500 Kw-hrs.
2.5 cents net per Kw-hr all additional Kw-hrs.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION—

The map on the following page shows how ideally located Kinmundy is for distribution of manufactured goods on a statewide or national scale. This, coupled with the excellent transportation facilities, leaves nothing to be desired.



RAW MATERIALS—

Limestone and fire clay of fine quality are present in large quantities in easily accessible locations. And we hope that soon we will be able to tell the world of our inexhaustible supply of crude oil.

HOSPITALS AND HEALTH—

We have access to three hospitals within a radius of 30 miles: St. Anthony's Hospital, Effingham, a distance of 30 miles; St. Mary's Hospital, Centralia, 30 miles; Mark Greer Hospital, Vandalia, 30 miles; all headed by a very efficient staff of physicians. The three cities are connected with Kinmundy by the hard road.

We have two very competent physicians locally, with well equipped offices.

We have two undertaking establishments, both with ambulance service.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS—

One splendid bank, a National Bank organized in 1907—the first bank in Marion County to receive authority to OPEN for business at the close of the Bank Holiday in 1933.

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits	20,000.00
Total deposits	372,387.65
Total Assets	444,445.91

One Building & Loan Association incorporated October 5th, 1887. Authorized capital stock \$1,000,000.00. This organization has enjoyed a long and successful period of operation and has been the means of helping many people to become home owners.

NEWSPAPERS, PRINTING PLANTS—

The Kinmundy Express—Weekly, circulation nearly 1,000. Established in 1883. A newspaper that devotes its interests solely to the community. It has received honorable mention in State newspaper contests. Complete and modernly equipped plant, including type setting machine, cylinder and job presses, caster, etc., such as is found in cities much larger. Capacity for handling job work of all kinds in large quantities. Plant has ample floor space for added equipment should an increase in business warrant the expansion.

Banner Printing Co.—Job printing exclusively.

RETAIL DISTRIBUTION—

In Kinmundy, you will find as fine a group of business men as can be found elsewhere, all working for the same cause of bringing more business to Kinmundy. Overhead expenses are very low which enables them to sell their wares in competition with chain store and mail order prices. This is a great factor entering into the low cost of living in Kinmundy.

ROOMING HOUSES—

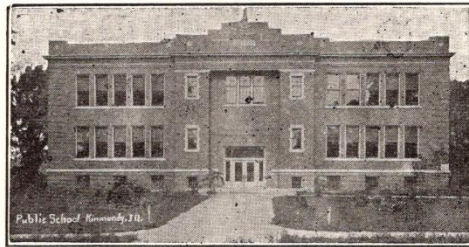
We are very unfortunate in not having a hotel at the present time but we have several splendid families who open their homes to roomers at a very reasonable charge.

SCHOOLS—

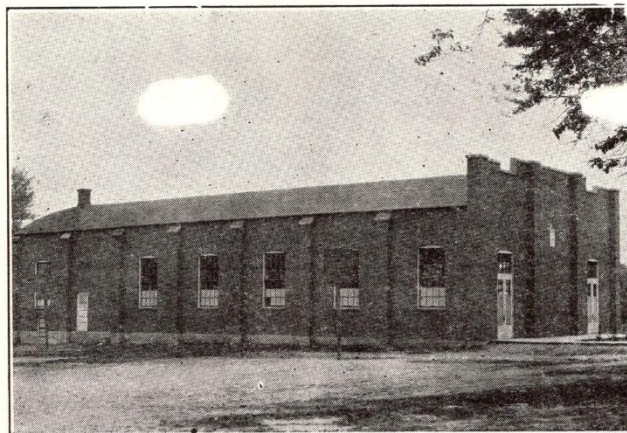
Kinmundy has a unit system, that is both grades and high school are organized under one board of education and under one superintendent. The schools are housed in two modern up-to-date buildings. Some ten years ago a forward, progressive program of education was planned by the Board of Education and the Superintendent. The schools have grown and improved with the changing times. The curriculum has been kept up-to-date. As more and more of the pupils found it impossible to attend college, the school has realized their needs and introduced new subjects, such as Junior Business Training, Typing and Bookkeeping. In the grades modern courses have been introduced in Science, English and Health.

The grade school and high school are both recognized and accredited by the State Department of Education.

Extra curricular activities, such as band, assembly exercise, oratorical contests and athletics of all kinds play a prominent part in the life of the school. It has been the policy of the school to be very conservative but not to the extent of not permitting progress. When the depression hit the community, the Board adopted the policy of free text books. This has been a great help to the poor children of the community.



KINMUNDY PUBLIC SCHOOL



GYMNASIUM AND HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES—

Favored in many respects, it is doubtful if any one of Kinmundy's many advantages over most other cities, both large and small, is given as much thought as is the wonderful transportation facilities which we have. Being situated on Illinois Route 37 (cement road), which is one of the newer types of road built in Illinois, gives us access to most any trucking company travelling into St. Louis from the east and Chicago from the south. We are served with LCL shipments mostly by Hayes Truck Lines, Egyptian Express Co. and Trans-Continental Truck lines. Overnight shipments via truck can easily be handled to Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Louisville, Kansas City, etc.

We are served by the Dixie Greyhound Bus Lines with four buses daily.

Railroads: Illinois Central and Chicago & Eastern Illinois.

Illinois Central: Chicago to New Orleans. Passenger service: six trains each way daily, of which four are local stops. This company stands ready to render efficient passenger service and upon request, will stop their fast trains when patrons travel a distance.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois: Chicago to Thebes, two passenger trains each way daily, all of which are regular stops at Kinmundy. Each railroad makes it possible to travel to or from Chicago in six hours time.

Each of the above railroads run one local freight each way daily. All through freights, including manifest runs, will stop to pick up carlot shipments. Each railroad will give overnight service of car lot shipments to Chicago.

Express Service: Illinois Central south bound, one morning; north bound, one at night. Chicago & Eastern Illinois: south bound, one morning and one evening; north bound one morning. In addition to the above facilities, Kinmundy has three large trucks, privately owned, which will give excellent service anywhere.

SHIPPING TIME & ROUTING OF FREIGHT FROM KINMUNDY

To—	Route	Arrive Destination
ALBANY	I. C. - Chicago - NYC	3rd day
ATLANTA	I. C. - Birmingham - ACL	3rd day
BIRMINGHAM	I. C.	3rd day
BUFFALO	I. C. - Chicago - NYC or C&EI N. Plate	2nd day
CHICAGO	I. C. or C&EI	1st day
CINCINNATI	I. C. - Chicago - NYC	2nd day
CLEVELAND	I. C. Mattoon, NYC, or C&EI, NP	2nd day
COLUMBUS	I. C. Mattoon, NYC	2nd day
DALLAS	I. C. Shreveport, T&P	4th day
DENVER	I. C. Omaha, UP	3rd day
DETROIT	I. C. Chicago, MC	2nd day
HOUSTON	I. C. Shreveport, SP	4th day
INDIANAPOLIS	I. C. or C&EI, Penn. Lines	1st day
JACKSONVILLE	I. C. Birmingham, ACL	4th day
KANSAS CITY	I. C. St. Louis, CB&Q	2nd day
LOUISVILLE	I. C.	1st day
MEMPHIS	I. C.	2nd day
MIAMI	I. C. Birmingham, ACL, SAL	5th day
MILWAUKEE	C&EI	1st day
MINNEAPOLIS	I. C., Alebrt Lea, M&StL	2nd day
NEW ORLEANS	I. C.	3rd day
NEW YORK	I. C. Mattoon, NYC or C&EI, N-Plate	3rd day
OMAHA	I. C.	2nd day
PHILADELPHIA	I. C. Indianapolis, B&O or C&EI, NPL	3rd day
PITTSBURGH	I. C. Indianapolis, B&O	3rd day
PORTLAND, Me.	I. C. Indianapolis, B&O, NYC, B&M	4th day
PORTLAND, Ore.	I. C., Albert Lea, MStL, NP	7th day
PROVIDENCE, R. I.	I. C. Indianapolis, NYC, NYNH&H	4th day
RICHMOND	I. C. Chicago, C&O	4th day
ROCHESTER	I. C. Chicago, NYC	3rd day
ST. PAUL	I. C., Albert Lea, M&StL	2nd day
ST. LOUIS	I. C. or C&EI	1st day
SAN ANTONIO	I. C. Shreveport, AP	4th day
SAN FRANCISCO	I. C. Omaha, UP - SP	6th day
SEATTLE	I. C. Albert Lea, M&StL, NP	7th day
SPOKANE	I. C., Albert Lea, M&StL, NP	7th day
TOLEDO	I. C. Chicago, NYC or C&EI, NP	2nd day
WASHINGTON	I. C. Chicago, B&O	3rd day

MAIL SERVICE FROM AND TO KINMUNDY, ILLINOIS—

April 1, 1937

Illinois Central Railroad:

Chicago & New Orleans R. P. O.

Dispatching time	Receiving Time
8:00 a. m.	8:21 a. m.
1:30 p. m.	2:00 p. m.
3:00 p. m.	3:24 p. m.
8:45 p. m.	

Chicago & Eastern Illinois:

Danville & Thebes R. P. O.

Dispatching time	Receiving time
11:15 a. m.	6:45 a. m.
4:30 p. m.	11:45 a. m.
	5:01 p. m.

Mail dispatched at Kinmundy in the evening will be delivered to the addressee in Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis and several other cities, the next morning. Likewise, mail dispatched in these cities in the evening will be delivered the next morning. But few cities in Illinois can boast of the mail facilities that are afforded in Kinmundy.

Air Mail:

Air mail dispatched on all trains. 26 hour service to Los Angeles.

Postoffice Hours:

The lobby of the Kinmundy postoffice is open from 6:30 a. m. to 8:30 p. m. on week days and open on Sundays from 7:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. Mail dispatched on Sunday night at 8:45. The Kinmundy postoffice is one of the very few of the Third Class Post-offices in the United States where the Government own the fixtures, which are the latest type of automatic lock boxes, cancelling machine, large safe with vault, in fact the entire equipment is modern in every respect. The rural territory is served by four rural mail routes with the following schedule:—depart 7:30 a. m., return 11:30 a. m.

INDUSTRIES—

Kinmundy lays no claim to be an industrial center and the very fact that it is not, makes it a desirable city in which to locate an industry. At the present time we have an ice plant which supplies ice for the vicinity and neighboring communities as well; a cheese factory which manufactures a very high grade of cheese; a feed mill which specializes in the making of corn meal and mixed feeds and has an extensive trade in the vicinity and neighboring communities; and two machine shops which can manufacture almost anything in their line.

As this book is being put to press, there is a great possibility of a great oil field in this community. Although there has been no well put down as yet, the leasing is just being completed and the major oil companies have made their tests. They report their findings to be very satisfactory and the drilling will be started just as soon as land titles are cleared.

LABOR CONDITIONS—

Labor conditions in Kinmundy are excellent, due to the high class of workers available, all of whom are American born. Labor troubles are non-existent in Kinmundy. A good percentage of the available labor have at least a high school education.

The labor supply for Kinmundy is practically inexhaustible, due to the wide surrounding area from which both skilled and common labor may be drawn. More than 2,000 workers, in addition to those residing in this community, can be drawn from neighboring communities within an hour's driving distance from the city.

Number of Available Male Workers (all white) in city proper:

Age 18 to 25	81
Age 25 to 40	66
Age 40 to 50	51

(25% of the above are skilled workmen)

Total male workers in city

198

Total female workers in city all ages up to 50—95

Number of available male workers (all white) in trading area:

Age 18 to 25	133
Age 25 to 40	81
Age 40 to 50	46

Total male workers in trading area

260

Total female workers in trading area (all ages) 115

Total male workers available

458

Total female workers available

210

AGRICULTURE—

Diversified farming holds sway in the immediate vicinity. It consists of fruit, livestock, poultry, grain, red top and dairy. Adjoining the city proper are three large apple and peach orchards and several smaller orchards in the immediate vicinity. Alma, which is located just six miles southwest of here is noted as one of the largest pear shipping points in the United States. They also ship many carloads of peaches. And Farina, which is located just six miles northeast of here is noted as one of the largest strawberry shipping points in the United States. This community is a 'feeder' for both these points.

There is much livestock, of all kinds, grown in the vicinity. Almost every day, truck loads of stock are transported to the markets for slaughtering. And we can boast of several herds of registered cattle, both of the dairy and beef types. We have several thorough-bred horse farms.

Unlike several other sections of the country, there are flocks of poultry on every farm. Many of the farmers rely on their profits from their flocks to provide the necessities for their family.

We are fortunate in being situated in one of the very few counties in the United States adapted to the raising of red top. The seed of this grass is used in the manufacturing of dye and also sold in other parts of the country for pasture purposes. This seed brings fancy prices.

We have a few large dairy farms that are engaged in the sale of whole milk. Every farm has a few cattle and, either sell whole milk, or cream.

The following is the agricultural census for Marion County, as of January 1, 1935:

Population: White 12,800; colored 51.

Total farm acreage 319,766

Total number of farms 3,225 of which only 29% is tenanted.

Untillable land 59,465 acres of which 27,228 acres is used as woodland pasture.

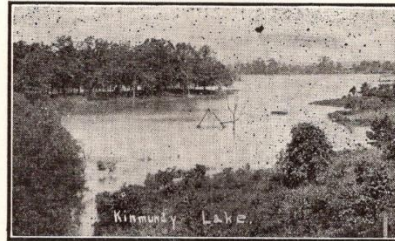
Livestock Numbers:

Horses and colts	7,104
Mules and mule colts	1,051
Cattle	21,414
Sheep and lambs	10,802
Hogs and pigs	7,675
Chickens raised	607,720
Eggs produced (dozens)	1,473,881

AGRICULTURE (Continued)

Crop Acres:

	Acres	Bushels
Corn for all purposes	48,535	580,261
Wheat threshed	11,577	135,344
Oats threshed	10,570	110,940
Oats cut and fed unthreshed	5,874	
Rye threshed	598	4,835
Irish potatoes	181	11,852
All hay for forage	65,160	39,785 tons



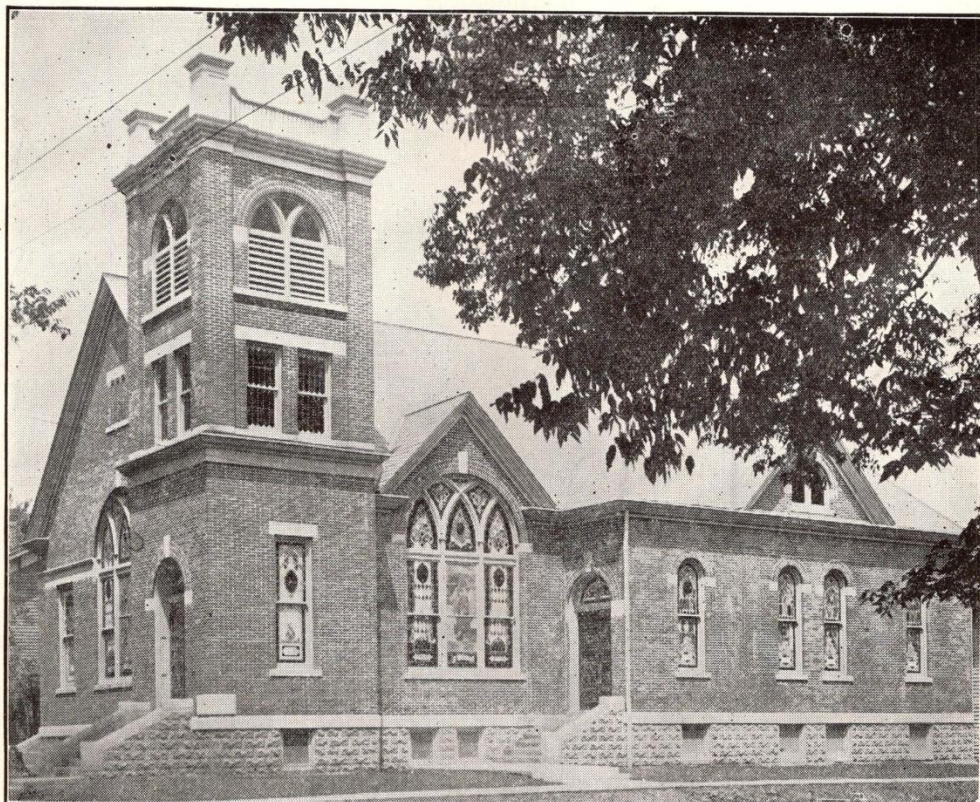
A VIEW OF THE KINMUNDY LAKE

RECREATION—

Our city is not of sufficient size to boast of a country club or a municipal swimming pool. But when it comes to honest-to-goodness back-to-nature recreation of the finest kind, you will find this community abounding in such, from the early spring when nature lovers can gather wild flowers and mushrooms to the late fall and winter in the hunting of quail and rabbits. This territory is reputed to be one of the best quail and prairie chicken territories in the United States. There is also plenty of squirrel and fur hunting, some duck shooting, and plenty of fox chasing.

We have two large lakes, one leased by the Tri-City Fishing Club, the other open to the public, both of which afford plenty of fishing for blue gill, crappie, cat fish and bass. The lake under lease affords beautiful picnic grounds, while the other one has the community bathing beach.

Kinmundy was the first city for several miles around to have an illuminated soft ball field. The neighboring communities have access to this field also. We now boast of some very high class teams.



FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHURCHES—

Kinmundy has five churches, namely, Methodist Episcopal Church, Christian Church, Baptist Church, Church of God and Catholic Church. The community is normally about 80 per cent Protestant. It should be easy to find the church of your preference, whether it be Protestant or Catholic.

FRATERNITIES AND CLUBS—

The fraternal orders consist of the Masonic, Eastern Star, I. O. O. F., Rebekah, Modern Woodman and Royal Neighbor lodges. All have several members. These orders contribute considerably to the social world.

In addition to these, you will find the Parent - Teachers group and the usual number of card and social clubs found in most any other city.

The Chamber of Commerce is made up of practically all of the business and professional men of the community. In addition to these, the membership is open to anyone who is interested in the betterment of Kinmundy, and, we are happy to state, that citizens of many other vocations, have taken advantage of this. This organization has certainly done much good for this community.

LIVING CONDITIONS—

Living conditions are excellent in Kinmundy. We have many beautiful homes that would be a credit to any city much larger than we are. About eighty per cent of the residences are home-owned. This was made possible years ago by our splendid Building & Loan Association. Although rent is cheap, you will find the citizens of Kinmundy are of the class that would much rather own their own home. Several building sites are available in the residential sections.

You will find that good southern hospitality, for which southern Illinois is noted, abounding in Kinmundy. Every new-comer is given a hearty welcome.

Being what you would term an agricultural community, much of our food stuff is grown in the locality. Most anything in the line of fruits, vegetables, dairy products and poultry products, can be bought direct from the grower. However, all these are also handled by the local merchants on a very small margin of profit.

INDUSTRIAL SITES—

There are many available factory sites located along either the Illinois Central or C & E I railroads. Two sites are available that will give access to either railroad. There are also numerous sites along the state paved highway. You do your own choosing.
