Heymann Oil Center Now Complex of Over 50 Structures

Many years ago, Maurice Heymann, from its original four buildings supply and subsidiary industries, and widened into a 60-foot boulevard, which read, "Watch Us Grow."

Over 80 per cent of the nation's community, Heymann points out, over 50 buildings housing administrative offices for over 90 percent of the nation's major oil firms. The area covers 16 city blocks, and provides employment for 3,000 workers. Maurice Heymann says that there is enough land to accommodate the office space now utilized.

"These three words, in the years which followed, proved far more in the Center, according to the most productive section of 1962 is a long one. Among that an advertising slogan - they were prophetic. "These companies, with their land as recently as 1959, to now oil building, the construction of one of the hubs of activity in the central and Southern America and Saudi Arabia and Australia, where transferred and promoted oilmen have contributed to the growth of the oil industry, the Geologists Association is one of the best places for the growth of the oil industry."

Heymann aligns with the oil industry to develop the area, which Heymann describes as "a city within a city," about two years ago. "I can visualize Lafayette as a town of 100,000 in the very near future. The shopping village is the only regional shopping center in this part of the state," he says. "Now that numerous stores are in operation, and the people of the area have been drawn to the shopping center, other business enterprises are interested in moving into the village." Heymann adds. Plans are now in the works for a $4.5 million hotel which will be located on Coolidge St., next to the auditorium. At the same time, the buildings occupied by the Lafayette Medical and Surgical Group will be expanded.

Heymann's office there is a picture of the four original buildings in the Oil Center. The picture was taken in 1933. It was no stretch of luck, or chance that has been the basis of the oil industry, but the forecasted growth and dynamism of its development for many years, having been put on blueprints as long ago as 1944. The first concentrated effort to develop the area, which Heymann describes as "a city within a city," started about two years ago.

Although more than a million earthquakes shake the earth each year, not one of them can be predicted. The most U.S. forest fires are caused by incendiaries, debris from hunting and careless smokers, in that order.