

How Negro Population Has Increased

By A. M. SMITH

THERE WERE 113 Negroes living in Detroit in 1810. Of these, seven were slaves. Since that date, when the United States took over control of the civil district of Detroit, no slaves have lived in this city.

The Detroit Housing Commission and the Detroit City Planning Commission conservatively estimate the present Negro population of Detroit at approximately 210,000, an increase of 70,000 since 1938. The Detroit Advertising

Editor's Note—This is the first of a series of six articles on "Negro Life in Detroit," showing how the Negro population has grown from 5,741 in 1910 to an estimated 210,000 today and the progress Detroit's Negroes are making toward solving their social and economic problems.

Council estimates there are 350,000 Negroes now living in the Detroit metropolitan area.

In the city, there are Negroes living in small groups or in single families in nearly all parts of the city, but the denser Negro population is in the following areas:

1 East of Woodward avenue to Mt. Elliott avenue, and from the Detroit River northward (ex-

cept the downtown business section) to the south limits of Highland Park.

2 In scattered dwellings, there are about 3,800 Negroes (945 families) in Hamtramck, and 900 (220 families) in Highland Park.

3 North of Hamtramck and bordering on the east limits of Highland Park are the Conant Gardens, settlement of well-to-do

Negro professional and business men's privately owned homes, and north and east of this settlement is the Federal Housing Sojourner Truth project.

4 Centering on West Grand Boulevard and Tireman avenue is a denser settlement of Negroes, the northern extension of a scattered family area extending over the entire western portion of the city

from Woodward avenue to Dearborn.

5 Far north, on the Eight Mile road and between Livernois avenue and Myers road, is a large and fairly dense population of Negro families.

* * *

OTHER SETTLEMENTS

THERE ARE SCATTERED Negro homes throughout the larger portion of eastern Detroit, extend-

(Concluded on Page 3)

JERRY McCARTHY WILL BUY YOUR CAR. 6111 Cass. Madison 0610.—Adv.