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Crawley New Town

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For many years, the picturesque high street of Crawley, Sussex, has remained unchanged - but today it's also the gateway to a town that ten years ago did not exist. It's ~~xxxxxx~~ Crawley New Town - with it 's technical College ready for the Queen to open it, and it's new Queen's Square with a Victorian Bandstand.

Today, Crawley is a flourishing town of 44,000 people - part of London's overflow population rehoused since the war. (BRING UP)

~~Modern~~ Shops and factories were built in just the right surroundings to attract workers from London. This modern community is proud of its very modern churches (BRING UP). And the Methodist Hall (BRING UP).

As for Schools - Crawley New Town has 18 of them - primary, Secondary and Grammar. <sup>cue</sup> And this boy is putting the finishing touches to a gift ~~to~~ <sup>for</sup> the Queen. Sport? The youngsters get all kinds of it.

The housing manager, Miss Margaret Wragg, had the big job of rehousing 44,000 people. Most of them live in rented houses and flats. (ue)

Lets stop Miss Wragg and ask her a question. "~~Miss Wragg - you've been finding homes for people in Crawley for the past eight years.~~

Isn't it unusual for a woman to run a huge housing scheme in a New town?" (BRING UP) SOUND.

To live in Crawley New Town you must come from London and work in Crawley. It's a ~~bx~~ bicycle town, and many workers cycle home for lunch.

George Creesy is a tool turner at the biggest factory in Crawley. He and his wife use to live in two rooms in Lambeth.

They wanted to adopt children, but ~~xxxxxx~~ <sup>not</sup> until they came to Crawley were they able to do so. (BRING UP).

Ian MacHorton is the office manager at another factory, and owns the house he lives in. He and his family came to Crawley after he

was invalided out of the Army, and he's just written a book on his ~~experiences in Burma~~ " How long have you lived in Crawley, Mr.

MacHorton?" (BRING UP) SOUND.

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Now, Mr. McArthur, what about you?

"~~Mrs. McArthur~~, Do you like settling in one place for good?"

(BRING UP.) SOUND. "A new house a new baby". Maybe <sup>it's</sup> an old wives tale.

But it certainly came true for the ~~Ede~~ Ede household. Kevin, Lorraine,

and Teresa are the first triplets to be born in Crawley New Town. (BRING UP).

Mr. Ede is a butcher at a local chain store. "How long have you been in Crawley?" (BRING UP) SOUND.

And Mrs. Ede, ~~has the last word.~~ (BRING UP) SOUND TO END.

rounds off a story that is typical of the happiness ~~life~~ in a new town has brought to thousands / SOUND TO END