

The 1970's

By 1970, Napoleon's population grew another 1,150 to 5,500. This was an increase of nearly 4,000 over 30 years. Federal funds became available on a matching funds basis. With this assistance, two new tankers and one pumper were bought for the Fire Department. Federal funds were also available for up to 80 percent for sewer installation. As a result sewers were run to approximately 300 homes around and near Ackerson Lake. The Quanex Division of Mac Steel moved their operation to the Township and built a new plant, giving the tax base a big boost as well as providing many jobs. There was a need for more than part-time people to oversee operation of the Police and Fire Departments. Jay Hawley was hired as Fire Chief and Mike Curry as Police Chief.