

Lunch

## Tulsa's Growth in 50s Outlined for Chamber

From school enrolment to telephone connections to population figures . . . the trend was up.

The Chamber of Commerce board of directors today was handed a 10-year summary of statistical trends for Tulsa and Tulsa County, compiled by its own research department, showing increases in all but one of 23 categories reflecting the economic health of the community.

The lone exception was Tulsa City Lines' passenger load. It was down 80 per cent from 1950 to 1960.

Largest increase was 149 per cent in electricity consumption, up to 886,794,615 kilowatt hours. Smallest gain was recorded in Air Express shipments, 42,112 in 1959 for an increase of 35.5 per cent.

Chamber directors met for lunch as guests of Douglas Aircraft Co. prior to boarding the first DC8 jet passenger plane to visit Tulsa. The directors were given an hour's ride in the big aircraft, which is on a familiarization tour of various cities.

President Richard L. Jones Jr. said the meeting at Douglas was the first of several such outside "indoctrination" meetings he plans for the directors.

"There still are some among us who are personally unaware of the functions of our leading employment industries," he said. "These meetings removed from home base will educate all of us, will familiarize all of us with the Tulsa industrial climate and inject the fun of something new and different in our meetings as well."

Jones said Douglas brings diversification to the Tulsa industrial scene. "And despite its ups and downs," he added, "it has the potential of showing great promise for the future."

"All of this is of interest to a chamber of commerce that, first, is dedicated to encouraging the expansion of industry we already have; second, attracting new industry; and third, assuring more jobs for more Tulsans in the future."

Jones told the directors and Douglas hosts he was "very happy today to see peace re-