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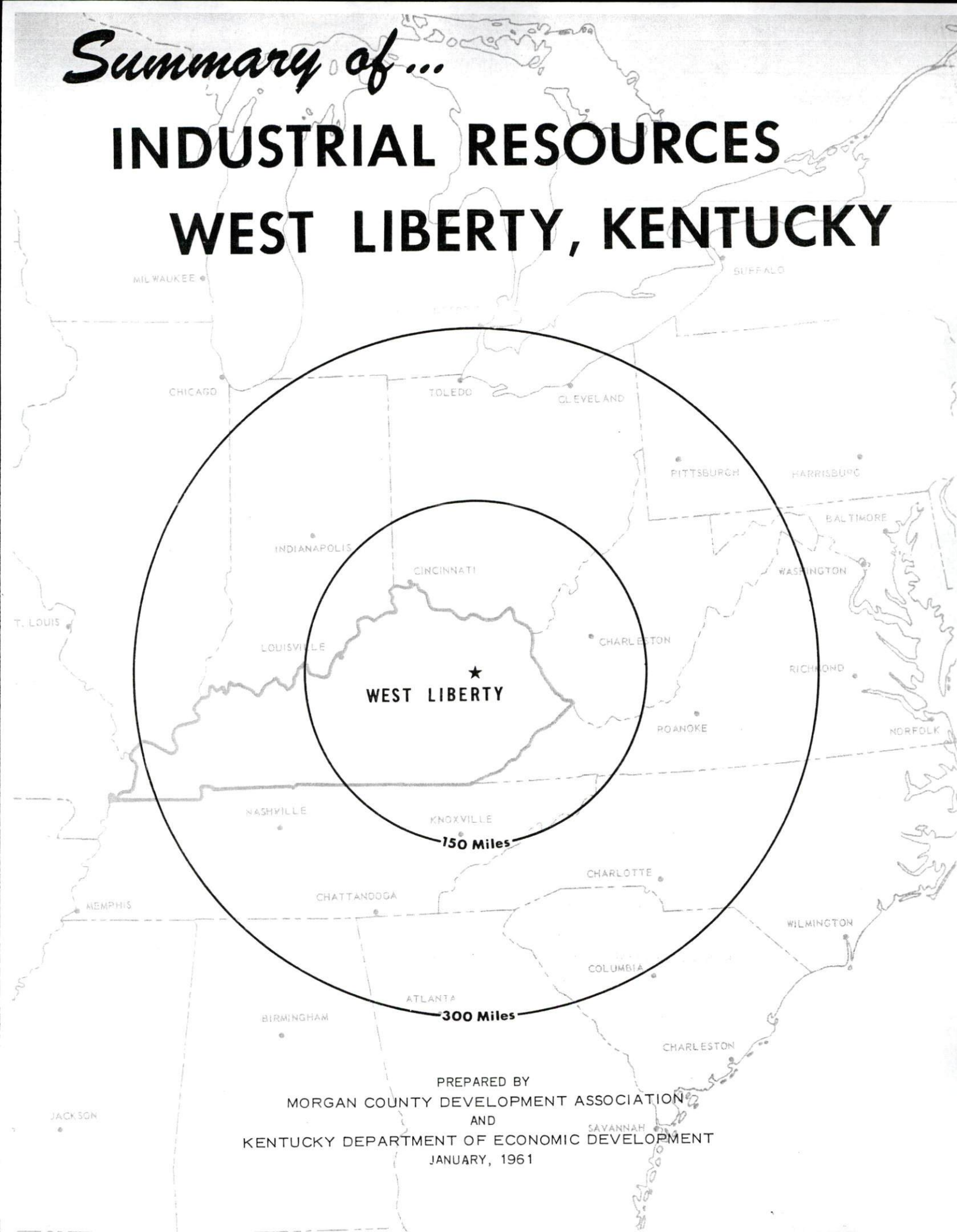
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Summary of...

INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

WEST LIBERTY, KENTUCKY



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SUMMARY OF INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

WEST LIBERTY, KENTUCKY

DECEMBER 1960

POPULATION, 1960: West Liberty - 1,165; Morgan County - 11,056

WEST LIBERTY LABOR SUPPLY AREA: Includes Morgan and all adjoining counties. Estimated number of workers available for industrial jobs in the labor supply area - 7,025 men and 5,958 women. Number of workers available from Morgan County - 1,216 men and 808 women.

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES IN COVERED EMPLOYMENT, MARCH, 1960:
Morgan County - \$50.20, all industries; Kentucky - \$80.05, all industries.

TRANSPORTATION:

Railroads: The nearest railroad is at Morehead, Kentucky, 36 miles.

Air: Blue Grass Field, Lexington, 85 miles, is the nearest commercial airport. This airport is served by Eastern, Piedmont, and Delta Air Lines with regular daily flights. There is a privately owned airport in West Liberty which will accommodate light aircraft.

Trucks: Pinson Transfer Company, Inc., Huntington, West Virginia provides common carrier service in West Liberty.

Bus Lines: West Liberty is served by Southeastern Greyhound Lines, operating between Lexington and Paintsville.

Highways: Highways serving West Liberty include U.S. 460 and State Routes 7 and 172.

UTILITIES:

Electricity: Electric power is supplied by Kentucky Power Company and Licking Valley RECC.

Natural Gas: Elam Utilities serves West Liberty with gas. The source of supply is Louisville Gas and Electric Company.

Water: West Liberty Municipal Water Works serves West Liberty. The source of raw water is Licking River and storage facilities consist of a 75,000 gallon elevated tank.

Sewerage: West Liberty has a new sanitary sewerage system and disposal plant with a capacity to serve a population of 10,000 persons.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Postal Facilities: West Liberty has a second class post office with eight employees. Mail is dispatched and received seven times daily.

Telephone: Telephone service is provided by Mountain Rural Cooperative Corporation, Inc.

INDUSTRIAL SITES: West Liberty has several tracts of land which would be available to industry. Information concerning these sites may be obtained from the Kentucky Department of Economic Development.

CITY SERVICES:

Fire Protection: The West Liberty Fire Department is staffed with a chief and 24 volunteer firemen. Equipment consists of a completely equipped 1941 Dodge, 500 gpm pumper truck.

Police Protection: Police protection is provided by a chief and one patrolman. Equipment consists of two patrol cars.

Garbage and Sanitation: Municipal garbage collection is daily in the business sections and three times weekly in the residential areas. The rates are \$6 for businesses and \$2 for residences.

TAXES: The property tax rate per \$100 of assessed value for West Liberty is \$.90 and for Morgan County is \$.70. The ratio of assessment in Morgan County is 28%.

LOCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Housing: There are few housing units for rent or sale in West Liberty. Construction costs for two and three bedroom houses is \$8,000 to \$10,000, depending on location and materials used.

Health: The West Liberty Hospital has 38 beds, 8 bassinets, and modern hospital facilities. There are six doctors, three dentists, and one chiropractor practicing in West Liberty.

Education: The Morgan County school system has two schools in West Liberty with a total of 1,280 students and 43 teachers.

Libraries: The Morgan County Library serves the city.

Churches: The following denominations are represented in West Liberty: Baptist, Christian, Methodist, Catholic, and Church of God.

Banks: The Commercial Bank, in West Liberty, had total assets of \$4,830,029.86 and total deposits of \$4,373,624.64 as of June 15, 1960.

Radio and Television: Radio reception is from Morehead, Paintsville, Lexington, and Louisville. Television reception is from Huntington and Charleston, West Virginia.

Clubs and Organizations: Morgan County Development Association, Kiwanis, Masonic, Eastern Star, American Legion, Garden Club, 4-H, FFA, Saddle Club, Art Club, Woman's Club, Little League, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Cub Scouts.

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Recreation: Recreation facilities include: a city park with swimming, picnicking, tennis, and playground facilities; two drive-in movies; the school playground, lighted baseball diamond, and a yearly horse show.

Community Improvements: Recent community improvements include construction of a new \$170,000 sewerage system; a new \$150,000 RECC building; the resurfacing of 2.7 miles of streets; a new \$170,000 grade school; 20 new street lights and a new tree nursery. Plans are now being made for the purchase of a new fire truck.

CLIMATE: Climate in Kentucky is moderate with the annual temperature in West Liberty averaging 55.2 degrees. January is the coldest month, with an average temperature of 35.1 degrees. July is the warmest month, with an average temperature of 75.3 degrees. Annual rainfall averages 46.04 inches. There is an average of 110 clear days, 104 partly cloudy days and 151 cloudy days. The growing season averages 178 days per year.