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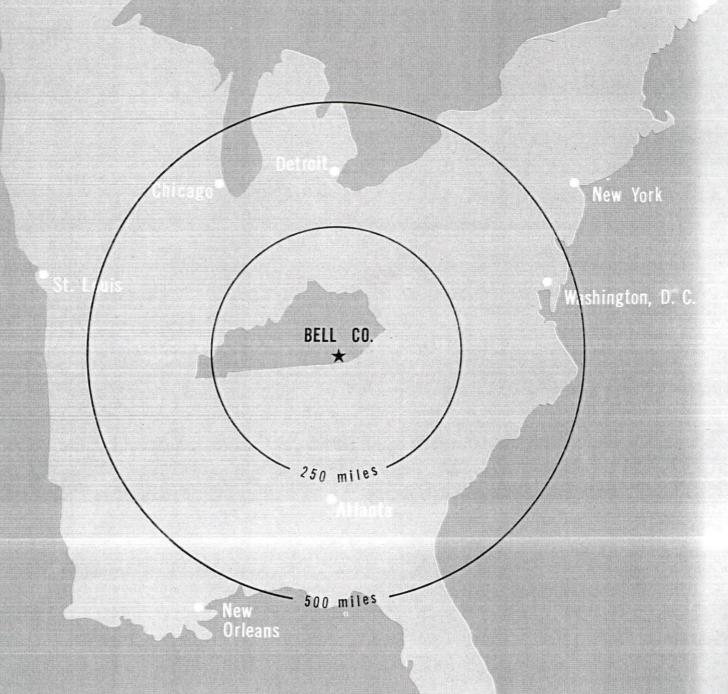
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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

BELL COUNTY
KENTUCKY



BELL COUNTY INDUSTRIAL SITES

MIDDLESBORO INDUSTRIAL SITES

SITE # 1: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 19.2 acres, level

LOCATION: Within city limits

ZONING: Industrial

HIGHWAY ACCESS: This site is served by city maintained streets

which lead to U. S. 25E, U. S. 58, and all Kentucky routes serving Middlesboro.

RAILROADS: Site is bordered by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad on the northeast. A spur can be run to site.

Industrial lead rail on location.

WATER: Kentucky Water Service Company

SIZE LINE: 10-inch

GAS: Gas Service Company, Inc.

ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company

SEWERAGE: Middlesboro Sewer System

OWNED BY: Middlesboro Industrial Foundation, Inc.

AGENT: Mr. John W. Shearer, Middlesboro Chamber of Commerce,

Middlesboro, Kentucky

SITE # 2: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 28 acres, level

LOCATION: Within city limits

ZONING: Industrial

HIGHWAY ACCESS: Bordered by city maintained streets which lead to all main routes serving Middlesboro

RAILROADS: Louisville & Nashville Railroad borders southern portion of site.

WATER: Kentucky Water Service Company

SIZE LINE: 10-inch

GAS: Gas Service Company, Inc.

ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company

SEWERAGE: Middlesboro Sewer System

OWNED BY: Middlesboro Industrial Foundation, Inc.

AGENT: Mr. John W. Shearer, Middlesboro Chamber of Commerce, Middlesboro, Kentucky

PINEVILLE INDUSTRIAL SITES

SITE # 1: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 10 acres, flat

LOCATION: Kentucky 221, northeast city limits

ZONING: B-1, General Business

HIGHWAY ACCESS: Ky. 221, U. S. 25-E

RAILROADS: Louisville & Nashville Railroad borders northwest side of site.

WATER: Pineville Water Company

GAS: Gas Service Company

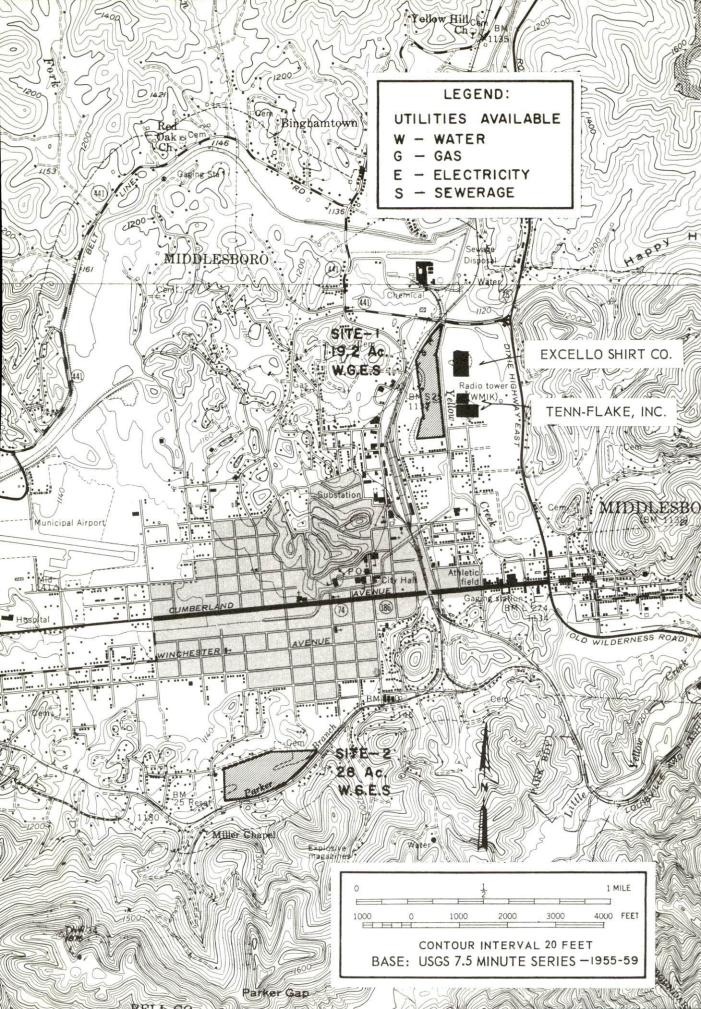
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company

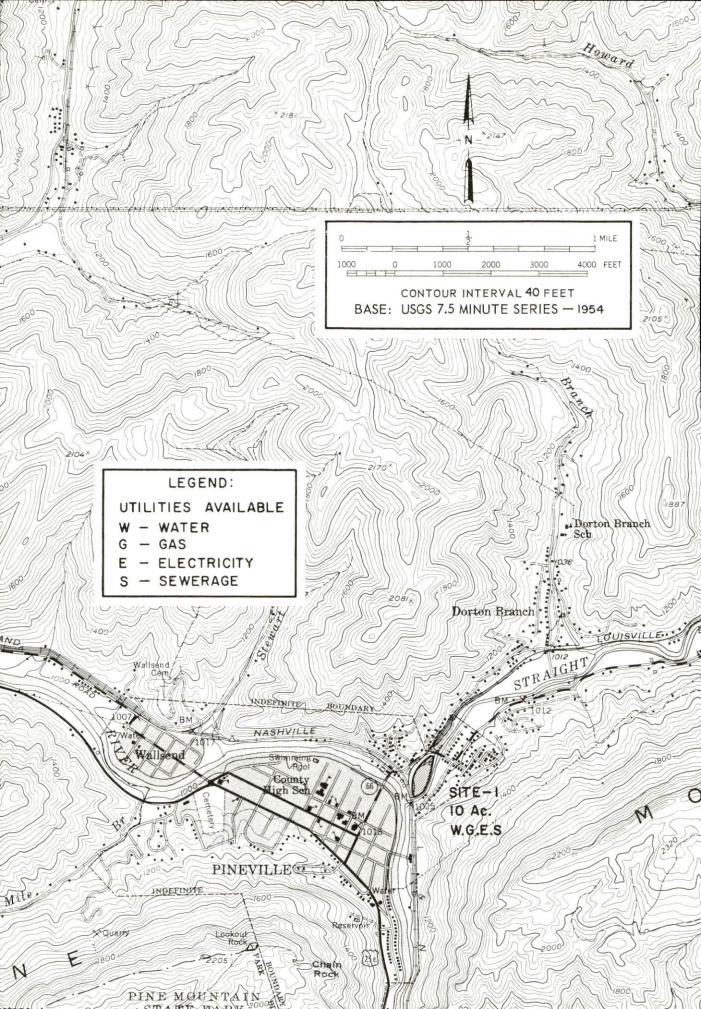
SEWERAGE: Pineville Municipal Sanitation Commission

OWNERSHIP OR OPTIONED BY: 5 acres are owned, and 5 acres optioned by Pineville Industrial Foundation, Inc.

AGENT: Mr. Garfield Howard, Pineville Industrial Foundation, Inc.

Pineville, Kentucky





INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES BELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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BELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, A PROFILE

Location

Bell County is located in the southern portion of the state on the boundaries of Tennessee and Virginia. Pineville, the county seat, is located in the central part of the county; Middlesboro, 13 miles due south of Pineville, is located at historic Cumberland Gap where the three states meet.

The Economy

Bell County's economy is influenced primarily by employment in manufacturing, trade and services, government, and mining. There is little agricultural employment due primarily to the mountainous terrain. Total employment in 1968 averaged 6,796 with manufacturing employing some 1,410 workers.

In the six-county Bell County labor market area, employment in 1968 totaled 26,595, of which trade and services totaled 8,149 and manufacturing was listed as 4,125. Government employed 6,066 and agriculture accounted for 1,974. Manufacturing has shown increasing growth over the past eight years, with significant impact in the area.

With the progressive attitude of its citizens and the more than adequate labor supply, Bell County looks toward continued economic growth with practical optimism. Industrial interests are high and industrial sites are available. Bell County received nine new industries since 1960. Emphasis is added to the optimism in light of the completion of Interstate 75, and an interchange for Bell County at nearby Corbin.

Labor Supply

There is a current labor supply of 2,200 men and 1,480 women available in Bell County. By 1975, this total will be augmented by 2,085 boys and 2,000 girls who will have become 18 years of age.

Industrial Sites and Services

Three industrial sites, ranging in size from 10 to 28 acres, are now available. Two sites are owned by the Middlesboro Industrial Foundation, and the other is half owned and half optioned by the Pineville Industrial Foundation. The Louisville & Nashville Railroad borders all of the sites, and highway access is adequate. The sites have all utilities.

- ---Rail service in Bell County is provided by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad and the Southern Railway System.
- ---Highways serving Bell County are U. S. Routes 25-E, 119, 58 and five Kentucky Routes.
- --- Trucking service is provided by seven firms.
- ---Commercial air service for Bell County is at the London-Corbin War Memorial Airport, 56 miles from Middlesboro.

Education

Four colleges are located within 50 miles of Bell County. Six other colleges and universities are located within 140 miles, including the University of Kentucky, Lexington, and Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond.

A vocational school extension center is located in Pineville, providing trade and industrial training.

Recreation

Abundant recreational offerings are available in Bell County. Pine Mountain State Park, the home of the Mountain Laurel Festival, is located in Pineville, and has a wide assortment of recreational facilities. The western boundary of the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park is just outside the city limits of Middlesboro.

Bell County has supervised high school, adult and children's recreational programs in its various parks and recreational facilities, including swimming and golf.

THE LABOR MARKET

Population

The population of Middlesboro was an estimated 14,250 in 1968, representing an increase of 1,643 persons between 1960 and 1968. Basically, this increase can be traced to the industrial expansion of Middlesboro and Bell County.

Population in Pineville totaled 3,181 in 1960, 709 persons less than in 1950.

Bell County has shown a decreasing trend in population since 1950.

POPULATION TREND-MIDDLESBORO, PINEVILLE,
AND BELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY 1/

Middlesboro			Piner	ville	Bell County		
Year	Population	% Change	Population	% Change	Population	% Change	
1900					15,701		
1950	14,482		3,890		47,602	203.2	
1960	12,607	-12.9	3,181	-18.2	35,336	- 25.8	
1968	14,2502/	13.0	NA				
1969	NA		NA		$33,800^{3}$	/_ 4.3	

General Employment Characteristics

In 1968, total employment in Bell County averaged 6,796. Major concentrations were in trade and services (2,123), manufacturing (1,410), government (1,478), mining (487), and agriculture (155).

In the Bell County labor market area in 1968 major components of employment were in trade and services (8, 149), manufacturing (4, 125), government (6, 066), mining (3, 964), and agriculture (1, 974).

Manufacturing Characteristics

In Bell County, manufacturing activity has shown very significant growth since 1959, providing over 1,400 jobs in September, 1968. Manufacturing of clothing and leather products employed a total of 534 persons, 399 persons were employed in the manufacturing of lumber products, and food products manufacturing employed over 190 persons.

TABLE 2 BELL COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS. AND EMPLOYMENT 4/

		Employment				
Firm	Product	Total	Male	Female		
Middlesboro						
Bell Concrete Co.	Concrete pipe	8	7	1		
Bell Printing Co.	Offset printing,					
	letterpress printing	4	4	0		
Citizens News Co.	Newspaper, job printing	25	19	6		
Coppinger Machinery	Sprockets, gears, shafts	20	19	1		
Cumberland Gap Corp.	Lumber	63	63	0		
Excello Shirt Co.	Men's shirts	277	16	261		
Giles Industries, Inc.	Mobile homes	223	217	6		
J. R. Hoe & Sons, Inc.	Coal mining equipment, gray iron castings, fabricated structural					
	steel	63	61	2		
Kentucky Leather Co.	Leather processing,					
	glove leather	108	65	43		
Kirby Koal Kars Co.	Mobile home frames, trailers, mining haulage					
Martin Manufacturing Co.	equipment, truck beds Elastic webbing, yarn	11	11	0		
	bleaching, dyeing athleti		1.1	2.4		
Middle shows Black Co. Inc.	supporters	35	11	24		
Middlesboro Block Co., Inc. Middlesboro Coca Cola	Concrete block	6	6	0		
Bottling, Inc.	Soft drinks	50	48	2		
Middlesboro Milling Co.	Flour, corn meal, feed	13	12	1		
Middlesboro Monument Co.	Monuments	4	3	1		
Middlesboro Tanning Co. of	Tanning and coloring	175	173	2		
Delaware Millet Hardwood Lumber Co.	leather	31	30	1		
Perma Pipe Corp.	Lumber wood chips Extruded plastic pipe,	31	30	1		
reima ripe Corp.	tubing	29	26	3		
Royal Crown Bottling Co.,	Carl mat. 11	12	1.1	,		
Inc.	Carbonated beverages	12	11	1		
J. F. Schneider & Son, Inc. Tenn-Flake of Middlesboro,	Meat packing	45	35	10		
Inc.	Flake board	199	195	4		
Three States Printing Co.	Job printing	4	3	1		
	4.	(Cont	'd.)			

		En	nploym	ent
Firm	Product	Total	Male	Female
Pineville				
Arveybell Farm	Pork sausage	6	3	3
Arthur Asher	Rough lumber, rough			
	lumber crossties	15	15	0
Clear Creek Church				
Furniture	Church furniture	20	20	0
Delaware Powder Co.	Mine supplies, explosives	9	7	2
Oxygen, Inc.	Oxygen, acteylene supplie	s 4	3	1
Paul Elliott	Cap boards	2	2	0
Walter Lawson	Lumber	15	15	0
Stewart Lumber Co.	Lumber	8	8	0
Sun Publishing Co.	Newspaper, job printing	6	4	2
Tinsley				
Davidson Lumber Co.	Lumber, crossties, wood			
	chips	34	34	0

The Bell County labor market area includes: Bell, Clay, Harlan, Knox, Leslie, and Whitley Counties. Total manufacturing employment in the labor market area during September, 1968, was 4,125, an increase of 60 percent since 1960. Major groupings of manufacturing are shown in Table 3. Employment in clothing and leather products is concentrated in Bell and Whitley Counties. Lumber and furniture products are concentrated in Bell and Knox Counties. Machinery and metal products are concentrated in Knox County.

TABLE 3 MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT, BELL COUNTY LABOR MARKET AREA, SEPTEMBER, 1968 $\frac{5}{2}$

Industry	Employment
TOTAL	4,125
Clothing and leather products	1,322
Lumber products	1,027
Machinery & metal products	846
Others	930

Labor Organizations

The following labor organizations represent manufacturing workers in Middlesboro: United Mine Workers and Teamsters at Giles Industries; United Mine Workers, District 50 at Middlesboro Tanning Company of Delaware; Meat Cutters at J. F. Schneider & Son; and Teamsters at Tenn-Flake of Middlesboro, Inc.

United Mine Workers, District 50, represents workers at Delaware Powder Company in Pineville.

Wage Levels

The 1968 average weekly wage in all industries in Bell County was \$89.74. The average weekly wage in manufacturing was \$84.32. Comparable figures for Kentucky were: \$112.16 for all industries and \$123.97 for manufacturing. All counties in the Bell County labor market area were below the Kentucky averages, leading to a tentative conclusion that workers can be recruited for jobs in Bell County at near minimum wage levels for production jobs.

Some examples of specific wage rates are:

	Wages	s Per Hour <u>6</u> /
Production Employees	Starting	Prevailing
Decade di se I al	da (0	4. /-
Production Laborer	\$1.60	\$1.60
Welder, Arc or Acetylene	1.60	1.60
Welder, Resistance or Spot	1. 60	1.60
Service Employees		
Carpenter	\$1.60	\$1.60
Electrician	2.65	2.65
Janitor	1.25	1.25
Laborer	1.60	1.60
Machinist	2.50	2.50
Mechanic, Maintenance	1.60	1.60
Shipping Clerk	1.60	1.60
Truck Driver	1.60	1.60
Welder, Acetylene, Carbon & Arc	1.60	1.60
Office Employees		
Bookkeeper or Accounting Clerk	\$1.60	\$1.60
File Clerk	1.60	1.60
Receptionist	1.60	1.60
6.		(Cont'd.)

	Wages Per Hour				
	Starting	Prevailing			
Secretary	\$2,00	\$2.00			
Stenographer	2.00	2.00			
Telephone Operator	1.60	1.60			
Typist	1.60	1.60			

Labor Supply

There is an estimated current labor supply of 6,480 men and 10,100 women available for industrial jobs in the Bell County labor market area. During the next five years, 10,145 boys and 9,940 girls in the area will become 18 years of age and supplement this labor supply. The current labor supply includes the unemployed, underemployed, and persons who would enter the labor force should jobs become available.

TABLE 4

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLYBELL COUNTY LABOR MARKET AREA

	Current Labor Supply 7/ 1969			Future Labor Supply by 1975 (Becoming 18 Years of Age				
County	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female		
Labor Market								
Area	16,595	6,481	10,114	20,093	10,145	9,948		
Bell	3,690	1,488	2,202	4,089	2,085	2,004		
Clay	2,247	866	1,381	2,804	1,429	1,375		
Harlan	4,267	1,337	2,930	5,976	3,039	2,937		
Knox	2,668	1,166	1,502	2,863	1,408	1,455		
Leslie	1,562	734	828	1,701	841	860		
Whitley	2,161	890	1,271	2,660	1,343	1,317		

Income

The total personal income in Bell County in 1968 was \$48,421,000. Per capita income was \$1,428, for a gain of \$580 during the previous nine years. $\underline{9}/$

EDUCATION

The three separate school systems within Bell County provide excellent educational facilities to produce an effective labor force for future industrial growth.

Elementary and High Schools

The Bell County School System is comprised of three high schools, Bell County High, with a comprehensive rating; Lone Jack, with a standard rating; and Henderson Settlement, with a provisional rating. Fifteen elementary schools have standard ratings. A wide range of programs are offered including vocational business, vocational agriculture, home economics and industrial arts. Special personnel include speech therapists, counselors, and remedial reading teachers. The system employs 225 professional employees and 100 nonprofessional employees. The school system's budget for 1968-69 was approximately \$2,000,000.

A new twelve-room elementary school is planned, along with general improvements throughout the system. Recent improvements include three lunchrooms and four libraries.

The Middlesboro Independent School District consists of one high school with a comprehensive rating, one junior high school with a standard rating, and two elementary schools with standard ratings. Special personnel employed include guidance counselors, remedial reading teachers, librarians, physical education teachers, foreign language instructors, music teachers, special education instructors, a nurse, and a social worker.

Programs are wide and varied including a full vocational business education program, industrial arts, and driver education.

The Pineville Independent School District is comprised of one high school, with a provisional rating, and an elementary school, with a standard rating. Special personnel employed by the system include a remedial reading teacher, special physical education instructor, two librarian supervisors, a band director, and guidance counselor.

Red Bird High School, a private school, is located in Beverly, Kentucky, approximately 15 miles from Pineville.

St. Julian Elementary, in Middlesboro, is a parochial school with a student enrollment of 66.

TABLE 5

SCHOOLS, ENROLLMENT, NUMBER OF TEACHERS, STUDENT-TEACHER
RATIO IN MIDDLESBORO-PINEVILLE AND BELL COUNTY, 1968 10/

School	Total	Enrollment	No. of Teachers	Student- Teacher Ratio
Bell County Elementary (Total) Bell County High (Total) Middlesboro Independent	1- 8 9-12	3,727 1,340	135 64	27-1 20-1
Elementary (Total) Middlesboro Junior High Middlesboro High Pineville Elementary Pineville High	1- 6 7- 8 9-12 1- 8 9-12	1,481 474 806 501 148	59 22 40 21	25-1 21-1 20-1 23-1
Red Bird High (Private) St. Julian Elementary (Par.)	9-12 1- 8	162 66	9 11 3	16-1 14-1 22-1

Vocational Schools

The Bell County Extension Center, an extension of the Harlan Area Vocational School, is located in Pineville. Trade and industrial education courses offered at the Extension Center include auto body repair, auto mechanics, carpentry, drafting, electricity, and welding.

Colleges

There are numerous universities and colleges with a wide selection of courses of study located in a close proximity to Middlesboro and Pineville.

College or University	Location	Distance
Lincoln Memorial University Union College Cumberland College Sue Bennett College University of Tennessee Southeastern Community	Harrogate, Tennessee Barbourville, Kentucky Williamsburg, Kentucky London, Kentucky Knoxville, Tennessee	7 miles 17 miles 38 miles 49 miles 61 miles
College Berea College Eastern Kentucky University Transylvania University University of Kentucky	Cumberland, Kentucky Berea, Kentucky Richmond, Kentucky Lexington, Kentucky Lexington, Kentucky	64 miles 90 miles 117 miles 140 miles 140 miles

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Middlesboro is served by two railroad companies - the Louisville & Nashville Railroad and the Southern Railway System. The Louisville & Nashville Railroad provides two local freights daily and the Southern has one local freight daily. There is no passenger service available in Middlesboro.

The average number of outbound carloads per month is 177, consisting mostly of flake board, leather, lumber, and logs. The average number of inbound carloads per month is 154, consisting of hides, extracts, pulpwood, shavings, and wood chips.

Switching service is provided six days a week, and sidings can accommodate over 200 cars.

Pineville is also served by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. Local freights are once daily, each way, to Middlesboro. There are four through freights.

Switching service is provided six days per week; sidings can accommodate 8 cars. Average number of outbound carloads per month is 48, consisting mostly of scrap iron and lumber products. Number of inbound carloads per month averages three, consisting mainly of gasoline, diesel fuel, and sugar.

REA Express service is available daily, Monday through Friday, in Middlesboro and Pineville.

TABLE 6 RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM MIDDLESBORO, KENTUCKY, TO: $\underline{1}^{1}$

COMPANIES AND	No. of 1	Days	No. of Days
City	CL	City	CL
Atlanta, Ga.	2	Los Angeles, Cal	if. 6
Birmingham, Ala.	4	Louisville, Ky.	2
Chicago, Ill.	4	Nashville, Tenn.	3
Cincinnati, Ohio	2	New Orleans, La.	4
Cleveland, Ohio	3	New York, N. Y.	4
Detroit, Mich.	4	Pittsburgh, Pa.	4
Knoxville, Tenn.	1	St. Louis, Mo.	4

Highways

Middlesboro is served by U. S. Highways 58 and 25-E, and Kentucky Routes 190, 221, and 66.

Pineville is served by U. S. Highways 119 and 25-E, and Kentucky Routes 190, 221, and 66.

The four-laning of U. S. 25-E connecting Middlesboro and Pineville is now under construction. Interstate 75 will be completed in the Fall of 1969, with an interchange located in Corbin, 47 miles north of Middlesboro and 35 miles north of Pineville.

The proposed Appalachian System, which will pass through Pineville, will provide major east-west access for the eastern and southern portions of the state.

<u>Truck Lines:</u> The following truck lines serve Middlesboro and Pineville:

Company	Home Office
Conken Freight Lines, Inc. Dance Freight Lines, Inc. Hogan Storage & Transfer	Harlan, Kentucky Lexington, Kentucky
Co. McDuffee Motor Freight, Inc. Mason & Dixon Lines, Inc. McLean Trucking Co. Skyline Transportation, Inc.	Williamson, West Virginia Lebanon, Kentucky Kingsport, Tennessee Winston-Salem, North Carolina Knoxville, Tennessee

TABLE 7

HIGHWAY MILES AND TRUCK TRANSIT TIME FROM
MIDDLESBORO, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS 12/

		Deliv	ery		Deliv	ery
	Highway	Time	(Days)	Highway	Tim	ne
City	Miles	LTL	TL City	Miles	LTL	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	259	2-4	1-2 Los Angeles, Ca	lif. 2,247	7-10	5-8
Birmingham, Ala.	325	2-4	1-2 Louisville, Ky.	179	1- 2	1
Chicago, Ill.	524	2-4	1-2 Nashville, Tenn	. 235	1- 2	1
Cincinnati, Ohio	210	1-2	1 New Orleans, L	a. 886	3- 4	2
Cleveland, Ohio	478	3-4	1-2 New York, N. Y	859	4- 6	2-4
Detroit, Mich.	419	3-4	1-2 Pittsburgh, Pa.	485	3- 4	1-2

Air

The Middlesboro-Bell County Airport provides service to Middlesboro and Pineville. It has a paved 3,650 by 75-foot runway. Services offered include gas, oil, minor A&E repairs, charter, general flying and taxi. Plans call for repaving the runway and the installation of a runway lighting and radio system in 1969.

The London-Corbin War Memorial Airport is located 47 miles from Middlesboro. Commercial airline service is provided by Piedmont Airlines. The Knoxville, Tennessee Airport, 74 miles from Pineville, is served by American, United, Delta, C&S, Eastern and Piedmont Airlines.

Other Transportation Services

The Southern Greyhound Bus Lines serves Middlesboro with five northbound and five southbound buses daily.

The Middlesboro-Lafollette Bus Lines serves local areas as well as providing two daily round trips to Lafollette, Tennessee.

Pineville is served by Southern Greyhound Bus Lines, with five northbound and six southbound buses daily. Straight Creek and Brownie Bus Lines also serve Pineville.

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Kentucky Utilities Company provides electric service to Middlesboro and Pineville. Services extended include all types: residential, rural, commercial and industrial. In Middlesboro expanded service will include Tenn-Flake of Middlesboro, Coppingers and Kentucky Leather Company. A new 7,500 KW station in Pineville is under construction. Unlimited power is available through Kentucky Utilities Company.

Kentucky Utilities Company provides electric service in 78 Kentucky counties. The Company has a generating capacity of approximately 740,000 KW in the six generating stations which are located in southeastern, central, and western Kentucky. Additional generating capacity of 427,000 KW is under construction with completion scheduled for May 1971. The Company also has major interconnections with its neighboring utilities which provide a means of interchanging substantial blocks of electricity when desired. Rates for industry will be furnished by the Company's Industrial Development Department in Lexington, Kentucky, or the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Natural Gas

Gas Service Company, Inc., and Pineville Gas Company provide Middlesboro and Pineville, respectively, with natural gas. The Cumberland Valley Pipe Line Company is their source of supply, with 6- and 8-inch transmission lines serving each company, at a pressure of 150 to 200 lbs. Distribution lines in both Middlesboro and Pineville are 2, 3, 4, and 6 inches with pressure maintained at 15 and 7 psi, respectively. The BTU content for both Middlesboro and Pineville is 1,050 to 1,300, with specific gravity for both cities at .60 to .70. Customers served in Middlesboro number 2,620, while in Pineville 1,070 customers are served.

The Cumberland Valley Pipe Line Company purchases gas from the Kentucky Gas Transmission Company.

Monthly rates for Middlesboro and Pineville:

Residential and Commercial Rates

		Rate Per Unit
First	2 MCF used	\$1.32
Next	8 MCF used	1.03
Next	5 MCF used	. 97
All over	15 MCF used	. 86

Minimum charge \$2.64 for which 2 MCF is allowed; 5 percent sales tax is charged.

Industrial Rates

First	2 MCF used	\$1.32
Next	8 MCF used	1.03
Next	5 MCF used	. 97
Next	2,985 MCF used	. 86
All over	3,000 MCF used	. 66

Minimum charge \$2.64 for which 2 MCF is allowed; 5 percent sales tax is charged.

Coal

Middlesboro and Pineville are served by the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field. A representative freight cost for industrial and domestic coal extracted in Jellico-Middlesboro area is \$2.85 per ton. $\frac{13}{}$

Fuel Oil

Kentucky has three fuel oil refineries located in Catlettsburg, Louisville and Somerset. Kentucky's fuel supply is supplemented by border state operations.

Delivered prices of the various grades may be obtained from the Kentucky Department of Commerce.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

The Kentucky Water Service Company supplies treated water to the City of Middlesboro. The treatment plant has a capacity of 2,000,000 gpd. Average pumping time for daily requirements is twelve hours. The source of raw water is Fern Lake. Treatment is by means of coagulation, settling, filtration and chlorination. The water is distributed to 3,920 customers at a pressure of 115 psi through mains ranging from 1 to 24 inches in diameter. Peak daily use has been 1,700,000 gallons with an average use of 1,200,000 gallons per day. A 1,280,000-gallon standpipe provides water storage.

Availability of Service

Available for general domestic, commercial and industrial service to customers on existing main or secondary lines of the Company's water distribution system.

Rates (Net)

First	1,000 gallons per month	\$2.40 (Minimum)
Next	9,000 gallons per month	0.85 per 1,000 gallons
Next	15,000 gallons per month	0.75 per 1,000 gallons
Next	25,000 gallons per month	0.60 per 1,000 gallons
Next	50,000 gallons per month	0.50 per 1,000 gallons
Next	100,000 gallons per month	0.40 per 1,000 gallons
All over	200,000 gallons per month	0.35 per 1,000 gallons

5/8 or 3/4-inch meter	\$2.40
l-inch meter	2.40
1 1/4 or 1 1/2 inch meter	3.50
2-inch meter	5.00
3-inch meter	9.50
4-inch meter	14.50
6-inch meter	27.50

The Pineville Water Company, whose source of raw water is the Cumberland River, provides Pineville with water service. Capacity of the treatment plant is 1,000,000 gallons per day. Average daily use is 250,000 gallons, with a peak use of 350,000 gpd. Average pumping time required to meet daily use is nine hours. Water distribution mains are 8, 6, and 4 inches in diameter. Average water pressure is maintained at 98 psi. Water treatment includes rapid sand, filtration, settling tank, and chemical treatment. Storage of treated water is in standpipes, with a total capacity of 400,000 gallons.

Rates

First	1,000 gallons or le	ess per month	\$2.80 (Minimum)
Next	9,000 gallons	per month	1.25 per 1,000 gallons
Next	20,000 gallons	per month	.90 per 1,000 gallons
Next	30,000 gallons	per month	.70 per 1,000 gallons

A complete new system to include all of the county is planned.

Sewerage

Sewage treatment is provided Middlesboro by the Middlesboro Sewerage Commission, which maintains separate storm and sanitary sewers. Primary and secondary treatment is by digester and trickling filter and treated effluent is discharged into Yellow Creek. The treatment plant is designed to serve a population of approximately 3,000 and has a design flow of 1.5 million gallons per day. Sanitary mains range from 8 to 24 inches, and storm mains are 8 and 24 inches. Seventy-five percent of the city is now being served. Installation of an additional 400 new connections is underway. Planned is a million dollar treatment plant, with a design flow of 3 million gallons per day.

Residential rates are computed according to the number of rooms per house. Under six rooms is \$2.20 per month, and for houses of six rooms and up \$3.35.

Commercial establishments, schools, governmental units and offices are charged 70 percent of the water bill with a minimum charge of \$5.70.

The Pineville Municipal Sanitation Commission provides Pineville sanitary and storm sewerage service. Treatment process is of the extended aeration type, utilizing an aerobic digester. Treated effluent is discharged into the Cumberland River. The plant has a design flow of 400,000 gpd and the surplus capacity is presently approximately 250,000 gallons per day. The sanitary system mains are 8, 10, 12, and 15 inches and the system utilizes five lift stations. The storm system consists of 2,050 feet of 36-, 42-, 48-, and 54-inch reinforced concrete pipe. The population connected to the system is at present 2,553. Eighty percent of the city is served. The current sewerage rate is 52 percent of the monthly water bill.

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture

The approximate total land area of Bell County is 236,800 acres, with only 5 percent of the area devoted to farm land. In 1964, there were 155 farms in the county, with an average size of 75 acres.

Farm income in the county is primarily from cattle, poultry, and burley tobacco. The 1964 value of sales of all farm products totaled \$71,885, averaging \$464 per farm. The low farm income is primarily due to the small number of farms and the fact that over two-thirds of the county's farms are operated only as part-time enterprises.

In 1967, agricultural production in Bell County included 28,000 pounds of burley tobacco and 8,000 bushels of corn. Livestock on farms on January 1, 1968, included 1,100 cattle and calves and 500 hogs and pigs. Milk production during 1966 totaled 1.3 million pounds.

Mineral Resources

The principal mineral resources of Bell County, in order of value produced in 1967, are coal and petroleum. Two important gas fields have been defined, the Red Bird Gas Field and the Bell County Gas Field, although no gas wells have been developed recently. Sand and gravel suitable for limited local use occur in deposits along the major streams. Sandstone, limestone, and clay occur in the area but no commercialization has come about.

In 1967 bituminous coal was taken from 40 underground mines, 11 strip mines, and 10 auger mines totaling 2,681,000 short tons valued at \$9,685,000. Coals from this area are classified as high volatile bituminous. They run low in ash and sulphur content and have a high BTU value. Coals from the southeastern portion of Kentucky rank among the nation's highest quality bituminous coal. Through 1967, a cumulative total of 128,839,514 short tons had been produced.

More recently, interest has been shown in the deeper horizons for possible oil reservoirs in Kentucky. Through 1967 a cumulative total of 1,985 barrels of crude oil had been produced in the county. No production was reported for 1968.

Water Resources

Large quantities of surface water are available from the Cumberland River. Other sources may be secured by impounding small streams. The average discharge of the Cumberland River near Pineville is 1,339 cfs (USGS, 27-year record).

The expected yield of ground water in Bell County, with exceptions of belts extending through the central and southern portions, is 50-200 gpm. These belts have an expected yield of 5-50 gpm and some portions have as much as 200-500 gpm. All yields are a potential for industrial water supplies. Exceptions may be found in restricted areas.

Climate

Middlesboro and Pineville's climate is best described as variable, but not extreme. Measurable snowfall recorded totals slightly over 12 inches a year, the heaviest snowfall being in December, January and February. The average yearly precipitation is 47.66 inches.

In an average year there are 157 cloudy days, 110 days partly cloudy, and 98 clear days.

Normal monthly minimum temperatures range from 30° to 67° F., maximum temperatures range from 47° to 87° F. Average temperatures over the year range from 39° to 77° F.

Prevailing wind is from the northeast, and during an average year there are 30 days with fog.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

Middlesboro, a third-class city, is governed by a mayor, elected for a term of four years, and twelve councilmen, elected for two-year terms. The council is divided into four committees of three members each: Public Works, Public Safety, Public Health and Welfare, and Public Finance.

Pineville, a fourth-class city, has the mayor-council form of government. The mayor is elected every four years, and eight councilmen are elected every two years. Pineville employs eleven full-time and four part-time employees.

Bell County is governed by a fiscal court composed of the county judge and eight magistrates, all of whom are elected to four-year terms.

Finance

The City of Middlesboro had a general income of \$447,445 for the twelve months ending May 31, 1968, while expenditures for the same period totaled \$419,172. Bonded indebtedness outstanding of the city as of May 30, 1968, was \$778,401.

As of June 30, 1968, bonded indebtedness for the city school district totaled \$2,321,000.

The City of Pineville had a general income of \$97,200 for the twelve months ending December 31, 1968. Expenditures totaled \$102,444 during the same period. The city's outstanding bonded indebtedness is \$490,000 in floodwall and sewer revenue bonds.

Bell County's estimated budget for 1968-69 was \$179,842. The county's bonded indebtedness as of June 30, 1968, was \$5,000. As of June 30, 1968, outstanding county school bonded indebtedness was \$900,000.

Taxes

Property taxes serve as the major income source for Middlesboro, Pineville, and Bell County. In accordance with provisions of the Kentucky Constitution, property must be assessed at 100 percent of value. Net assessed value of property in these jurisdictions for 1968 was:

Class of Property	Middlesboro	Pineville	Bell County
Real Estate	\$29,767,408	\$7,297,692	\$60,300,736
Tangibles	4,927,925	1,783,373	16, 132, 802
Public Service	5,018,820	2,021,232	18, 292, 323

Property tax rates for Middlesboro and Pineville are shown below:

TABLE 8

PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE FOR MIDDLESBORO, PINEVILLE, AND BELL COUNTY, 1968 14/

Taxing Unit	~	Middlesboro	Pineville	Bell County
State		\$.015	\$.015	\$.015
County		. 146	. 146	. 146
School		. 878	. 656	. 481
City		. 332	. 543	
	Total	\$1.371	\$1.360	\$.642

The City of Pineville requires a business license. Fees vary according to type of business, with a general range of \$10 to \$100 annually.

The City of Middlesboro requires both an occupational tax and a business license tax. The occupational tax is one percent of annual gross receipts; the business license tax ranges from \$5 to \$200 per year.

Planning and Zoning

A planning commission was formed in Middlesboro in 1958, and since that time the commission has completed a comprehensive plan, subdivision regulations and zoning ordinance. In process is a Public Improvements Program and Capital Improvements Budget.

Pineville has had an active planning commission since 1958 and is presently working on a comprehensive plan. Plans completed include a neighborhood analysis, zoning ordinance, and subdivision regulations.

Both cities have adopted and enforce all major codes and ordinances.

Safety

<u>Fire:</u> Middlesboro has a Class-7 American Insurance Association fire rating. The Middlesboro Fire Department is staffed with a chief, two assistant chiefs, two captains, eleven full-time firemen, and twelve

volunteers. Motorized equipment includes one 500-gpm pumper with a 500-gallon booster tank, one 500-gpm pumper with a 500-gallon booster tank, and one 750-gpm pumper with a 500-gallon booster tank. All are fully equipped with necessary hose and extinguishers and two-way radios. The city has purchased a new 75-foot aerial ladder truck and a new 1,000-gpm pumper. The Middlesboro Fire Department participates in state training schools and conducts fire inspections of business and industrial property twice a year. There are two fire stations serving Middlesboro, one located in the west end of the city.

The Pineville Fire Department has a Class-7 American Insurance Association fire rating. The staff includes a chief, one assistant chief, two full-time firemen, one part-time fireman, and six volunteers. Equipment includes a 1960 GMC, 750-gpm pumper, a 1942 Diamone T, 500-gpm pumper and 2,450 feet of hose. There are 97 fireplugs located in Pineville and a new 500-gpm pumper was recently ordered.

Police: The Middlesboro Police Department is staffed with a chief, two assistant chiefs, and fifteen patrolmen. Equipment includes two patrol cars and one motorcycle, all radio-equipped; a Cushman Scooter; breathalyzer; and five mobile radio units.

Pineville has a police chief and five patrolmen who utilize one radio-equipped car.

The Bell County sheriff's office, located in Pineville, is staffed with a sheriff and ten deputies. Privately-owned, radio-equipped cars are utilized.

Sanitation

The City Collection and Disposal Company collects trash and garbage in Middlesboro. Collection is daily in the business area and once to twice a week in residential sections. The residential rate is \$3 a month if picked up once a week, and \$4.50 if collection is twice a week. Business rates are negotiable. Equipment includes six packers. The City of Middlesboro, through the Chamber of Commerce, participates in an annual clean-up drive each May.

The Pineville Municipal Sanitation Commission provides garbage collection in Pineville at rates of \$1.25 per month in residential areas, and varying rates, according to volume, in business sections. Collection is three times a week in business sections, and once a week in residential areas. Garbage is disposed of in a dump. Equipment includes two packers, one open truck, and a street truck. The city participates in semi-annual clean-up drives.

HEALTH

Hospitals

The Middlesboro Appalachian Regional Hospital is a general short term facility, providing 88 beds, 14 bassinets, and 2 operating rooms. There is a staff of 11 doctors, 2 surgeons, 1 pediatrician, and 4 dentists. Specialists and other personnel include an eye specialist, two obstetricians, two general practitioners, and two internists. Staff available totals 154. Hospital facilities include orthopedic cast room, two radiographic units, emergency unit, post operative recovery, and a central oxygen supply system. Present plans include an extended care facility, renovation of operating rooms and expansion of emergency unit area, and planned participation in emergency radio communications network in a 16-county area of Kentucky's Appalachia.

Middlesboro Hospital and Clinic is a general short-term hospital. The facility provides 25 beds, operating room, emergency room, and X-ray laboratory. A staff of 70 includes: 3 full-time physicians, 8 registered nurses, 1 courtesy doctor and 1 courtesy dentist, 2 X-ray technicians, and 3 laboratory technicians. A new medical records addition has recently been completed.

The Pineville Community Hospital provides 114 beds and 15 bassinets. Offered are all medical, surgical, obstetric, and diagnostic services. The medical staff includes 11 physicians and 3 dentists, plus specialists available on a consultation basis. A medical doctor is on duty at night in the emergency room. The hospital has a total staff of 235 persons and operates on an annual \$2,000,000 budget.

Presently under construction is a 35-bed addition and a new dietary department including a 90-seat cafeteria. Planned is a professional office building which is to be located adjacent to the hospital. The new building will include facilities for laboratory, X-ray, pharmacy, emergency, and outpatient clinics.

The Daniel Boone Clinic, located in Middlesboro, has a staff consisting of a general surgeon, pediatrician, urologist, internist, gynecologist, orthopedist, ophthalmologist, and medical doctor. A new, modern, two-story building to house the Daniel Boone Clinic is scheduled for completion in 1969.

Nursing Homes

The Pineville Community Hospital Nursing Home serves Bell County with nursing home facilities for 32 patients.

Ruby's Rest Home, with a 44-bed capacity, is located in Middlesboro.

Public Health

The Bell County Health Department, located in Pineville, provides programs in home health care, immunization, sanitation, communicable disease control, school health, and vital statistics.

The staff of 14 includes 4 nurses, 2 sanitarians, 2 home health aides, 5 clerks, and 1 administrative assistant. The current year's budget totals \$74,310.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Housing

A limited supply of houses, ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000, are for sale in Middlesboro. Construction cost of a 1,200-square-foot brick house ranges from \$19,000 to \$21,000. There are several subdivision lots presently available with cost per lot at \$2,500. Plans include the development of an additional 20 lots to be priced at \$3,500 per lot. There is a very limited supply of rental housing in Middlesboro.

Pineville has a limited supply of housing for sale, with prices ranging from \$8,000 to \$17,000. Construction cost of new houses, excluding price of lot, ranges from \$15,000 to \$18,000. An adequate number of subdivision lots are available with prices ranging from \$3,000 to \$6,000 per lot. Rental housing is limited.

Communication

Telephone: Middlesboro and Pineville have complete modern telephone service provided by South Central Bell Telephone Company. The Company serves over 6,000 customers in Middlesboro, and approximately 4,000 in Pineville.

A new building addition is planned for the Middlesboro office.

Telegraph: Telegraph service to Middlesboro and Pineville is provided by Western Union. Service is provided five and a half days weekly in Middlesboro, and daily in Pineville.

Postal: Bell County is served by first-class postal facilities in both Middlesboro and Pineville.

In Middlesboro, the post office is staffed with 22 employees. Mail is received four times and dispatched three times daily. City delivery service is once daily. Mail is dispatched and received via star routes, and there are two rural routes. Postal receipts for 1968-69 totaled \$166,936.

The Pineville Post Office employs a staff of ten and dispatches mail twice a day and receives mail once a day, via star routes. City delivery is once a day, and there is one rural route. Postal receipts totaled \$75,651 in 1967-68.

Newspapers: The Middlesboro Daily News is published six days a week, with a circulation of 6,750.

The Sun Courier, published weekly in Pineville, has a circulation of 2,500.

Newspapers are received daily from Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky, and Knoxville, Tennessee.

 $\underline{\text{Radio:}}$ Two radio stations have local facilities in Middlesboro-WMIK and WAFT, both of which operate from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

One local station in Pineville, WANO, operates from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Television: Television reception in Middlesboro and Pineville is from stations in Knoxville, Tennessee; Asheville, North Carolina; and Bristol, Virginia. Cable systems in both Middlesboro and Pineville provide an additional five channels. Connection costs are flexible in Middlesboro, with a monthly charge of five dollars. In Pineville, the connection charge is \$50, with monthly charge also at five dollars.

Kentucky Educational Television is received from the transmitter at Hazard, Kentucky.

Libraries

Library facilities are provided by the Carnegie Public Library in Middlesboro and the Pineville Public Library in Pineville.

The Carnegie Public Library contains 25,200 volumes and has an annual circulation of approximately 35,350. Magazines, newspaper information files and printing are also available. A story hour is held once a week, and operating hours for the library are from 1:30 to 8:00 p.m., 5 days a week, and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. The bookmobile operates 33 hours a week and has an annual circulation of approximately 35,500.

The Pineville Public Library operates six days a week with a collection of 13,014 volumes and an annual circulation of approximately 29,885. A bookmobile operates part-time and has an approximate annual circulation of 89,750. Reference works, encyclopedias, and magazines are available.

Churches

The following denominations are represented in Middlesboro and Pineville: Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Church of Christ, Church of God, Episcopal, Methodist, Nazarene and Presbyterian.

Hotels and Motels

Middlesboro

Name	Rooms or Units
Hotel Middlesboro	70
Hotel Majestic	27
Britton Court	23
T. F. Green Court	10
Sharp's Court	5
Ranch House Court	21
Van Besens Court	16
Tyler-Ball Tourist	12
G. W. Shoffner Motel	10
Roy Shoffner Motel	7
Bel-Wood Motel	5
Boone Trail Motel	20
Coachman Motel	21
Parkway Trail Motel	22
Wilderness Road	8

Pineville

Name	Rooms or Units
Continental Hotel	75
Chain Rock Motel	18
Deltra Motel	20
Pineville Motel	17
Smith Motel and Tourist Court	43
Laurel Cove Motel	14

Financial Institutions

Banks

Middlesboro

	Statement as of December 31, 1968	
	Assets	Deposits
The National Bank Commercial Bank	\$13,606,254.33 12,827,699.85	\$12,650,373.28 11,888,438.24
Pineville		
First State Bank	\$ 9,001,433.34	\$ 8,050,248.85

Savings and Loan Associations

Middlesboro

	Assets	Shared Accounts
Home Federal		
(December 31, 1968)	\$6,746,971.72	\$6,390,450.77
Middlesboro Federal	8,860,678.79	8, 101, 599. 81
Pineville		
First Federal	\$6,517,143.14	\$5,972,575.34

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic: Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, Kiwanis, Lions, Optimist, Rotary, Round Table

Fraternal: American Legion, Masonic, Odd Fellows, Redman's Lodge, Junior Order of American Mechanics, Moose Lodge, VFW

Women's: Business and Professional Woman's Club, Junior Women's Club, Eastern Star, Mountain Laurel Garden Club, Pineville Garden Club, PTA, Beta Sigma Phi, Music Club, Art Club, Book Club, Homemakers, Rebekah Lodge, Pocahontas Lodge, Senior Women's Club, Lioness, Reddyettes

Youth: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, FHA, FFA, 4-H Club, Little League baseball, Little League football, Pee Wee League

Recreation

Local: There are numerous recreational facilities located in and around Bell County. Little League and adult baseball and basketball and Little League football are supervised. There are three indoor theaters and one outdoor theater.

A youth center is maintained by various church denominations.

The Middlesboro Country Club has a swimming pool, a 9-hole golf course, and a new clubhouse.

Lincoln Memorial University's indoor swimming pool and tennis courts are available to the public.

Thoroughbred and harness racing and college sports can be found in Lexington, Kentucky (133 miles); Louisville, Kentucky (179 miles); and Cincinnati, Ohio (210 miles). Professional sports are also located in Louisville, Kentucky, and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Drama, music, and other fine arts programs are available in Lexington and Louisville.

Other: Bowling lanes, miniature golf, and an Olympic size swimming pool are also available to area residents.

Located in and around Bell County are some of the state's outstanding national and state parks.

Pine Mountain State Park, located in Pineville, has facilities for lodging, fishing, camping, golf, horseback riding, and is the locale of the famous Mountain Laurel Festival, and the outdoor drama "Book of Job."

Outside of Middlesboro is the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, which covers portions of three states: Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia. Consisting of some 20,000 acres, the park contains the Gap, the Wilderness Road, and the Pinnacle from which all three states can be seen.

Located in close proximity are other recreational facilities, including Cumberland Falls State Park, Lake Cumberland, Dale Hollow Reservoir, and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Community Improvements

Middlesboro

Recent: Four-laning Cumberland Avenue with parallel parking - completion of a 344-car municipal parking lot - two new fire trucks - a new street sweeper - downtown alleys paved - laboratory equipment purchased and operators trained for sewage disposal plant - a Cushman Scooter purchased for police department.

<u>Under Construction:</u> 100-unit public housing project - extension of sanitary sewers - additional building space for South Central Bell Telephone Company.

<u>Planned:</u> Improved method of waste and garbage disposal - application submitted for construction of a million dollar sewage treatment plant - retirement home for the elderly - new office building for doctors.

Pineville

Recent: New Baptist Church building - new Presbyterian Church 28.

building - nine-hole golf course - additions to hospital and nursing home - sewage treatment plant - First Federal Savings and Loan Association building.

Planned: Clinic building - professional office building - 80-units of low-cost public housing - recreational park - renovation and addition to the high school - new fire truck - industrial site - downtown parking lot.

HISTORY

Bell County was formed in 1867 from portions of Harlan, Knox, and Whitley Counties, as the state's 112th county. The county was originally named Josh Bell County, after Joshua Fry Bell, a descendent of Dr. Thomas Walker, but its name was shortened to Bell by an Act of the State Legislature in January 1873.

The Cumberland River nearly bisects this mountainous county. Although the soil is thin on the mountainsides, rich bottom land is found along the river. Large seams of bituminous coal are found and timber grows rapidly on the slopes. Nature at times has been harsh; forest fires and flooding have disfigured sections of the county.

Pineville, the county seat, is located at the base of Pine Mountain, for which it was named. It became the site of the first tollgate along the Wilderness Road in 1797 when the State Legislature appropriated some \$20,000 to repair the road. Pineville, in fact, grew up around the tollgate. This tollgate was also the first abandoned after having operated for 33 years.

Middlesboro, the largest town in Southeastern Kentucky, lies at the foot of Cumberland Gap, and is a trading center. It was laid out by British investors who supplied the capital for its purchase and named it after the iron city in the English Midlands.

Historical events of note include:

- Dr. Thomas Walker led a hunting and surveying party through Cumberland Gap in 1750.
- Dr. Walker's group built the first house in Kentucky and named the Cumberland Mountains and River.
- Explorers Wallen, Skaggs, Newman, Blevins, and Cox gave names to Clinch and Powell Rivers; Wallen's, Skaggs', and Newman's Ridges in Virginia; and Rockcastle and Laurel Rivers in Kentucky.
- Daniel Boone visited Kentucky in 1769 for the first time. He came through the Gap and returned to North Carolina via the same route.
- Civil War battle for Pinnacle Mountain in 1863 resulted in the surrender of a Confederate force of 2,000 men.
- Pine Mountain State Park was established in 1928, the first in Kentucky.

Bell County is rich in tradition, rough in terrain, and modern in progress toward the future. Through her people and resources, industrial growth has been significant and shows strong signs of continuing.

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