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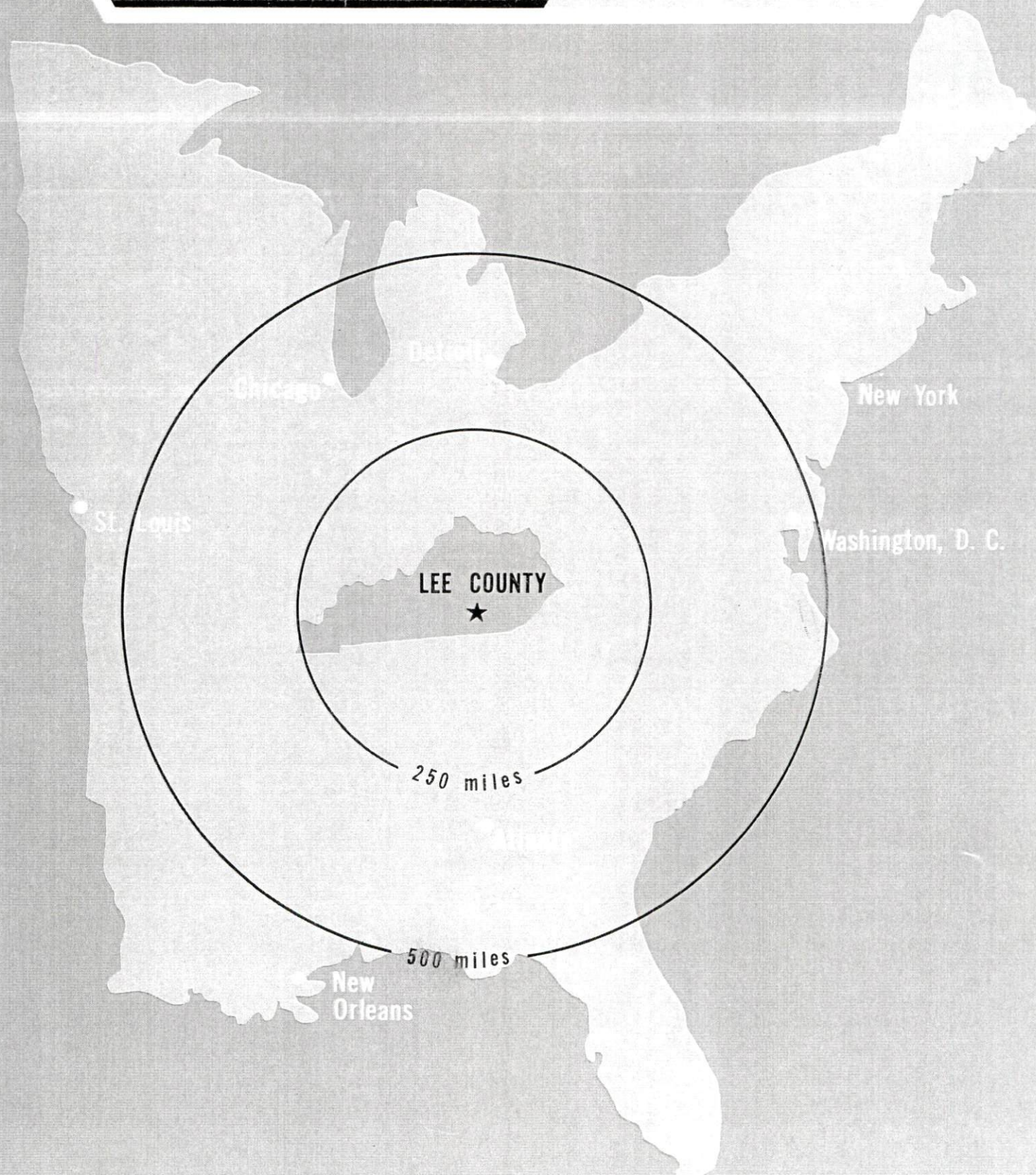
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**LEE COUNTY
KENTUCKY**

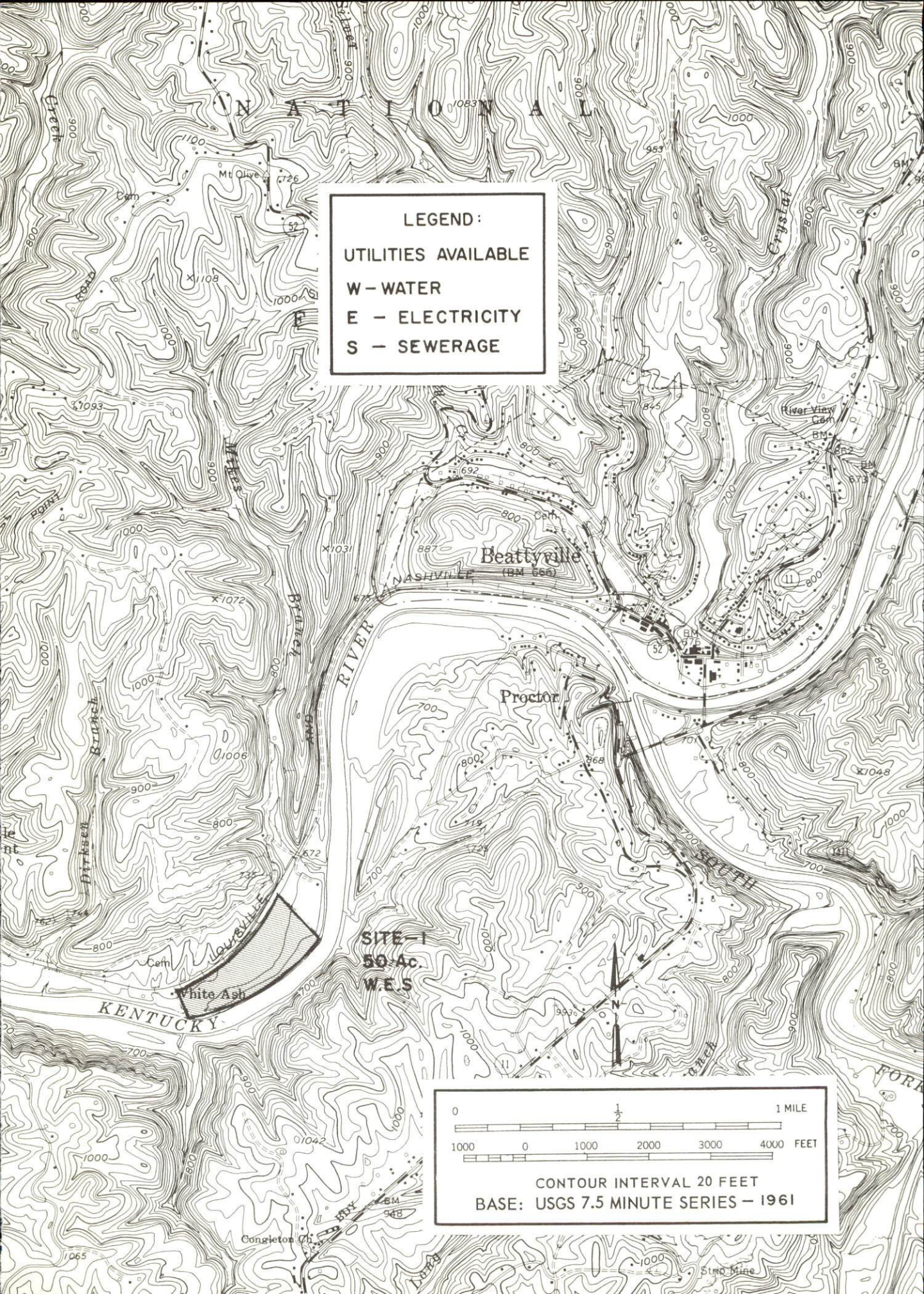


BEATTYVILLE INDUSTRIAL SITE

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SITE #1: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 50 acres, level
 LOCATION: 1 mile west of city limits
 HIGHWAY ACCESS: County road
 RAILROADS: Louisville & Nashville borders site on the north
 WATER: Will be extended to site
 GAS: Natural gas not available
 ELECTRICITY: Available at site
 SEWERAGE: Will be extended to site
 OPTIONED BY: Lee County Development Association



LEGEND:

UTILITIES AVAILABLE

W - WATER

E - ELECTRICITY

S - SEWERAGE

0 1/2 1 MILE

1000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 FEET

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET

BASE: USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES - 1961

INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES
LEE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY
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LEE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, A PROFILE

Location

Beattyville, the county seat of Lee County, is located on the edge of historic Daniel Boone National Forest in southeast Kentucky. It is 70 miles from Lexington, 145 miles from Louisville, and 128 miles from the Ashland-Huntington area. Beattyville is 20 miles from the Mountain Parkway which serves as a link in the network of interstate highways providing easy access to the major markets of the nation.

The Economy

The Lee County economy is influenced primarily by employment in agriculture (275), government (315), trade and services (195), manufacturing (155), and mining and quarrying (171). Total county employment averaged 1,520 in 1968. The total personal income in Lee County in 1968 was estimated at \$9,046,000. Per capita income was \$1,330 for a gain of \$670 during the previous nine years.

Total employment in the Lee County labor market area in 1968 was 12,360. Agriculture provided jobs for 3,630, government 3,060, trade and services 1,500, and manufacturing 780.

Labor Supply

A current labor supply of 5,000 men and 4,600 women is available for industrial jobs in the Beattyville area.

During the next five years an additional 3,800 boys and 3,700 girls will reach the age of 18, augmenting the labor supply.

Industrial Sites and Services

Beattyville has a 50-acre tract of level land available for industrial use. The site is bordered by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad on the northwest and the Kentucky River on the southeast. Large river barges can be docked at this site. Power, water, and sewerage facilities are either available or will be extended to the site.

Rail service is provided to Beattyville by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad.

The Mountain Parkway is 20 miles from Beattyville via Kentucky Route 11. Trucking service is provided by Oaks Truck Line.

Commercial air service is only 50 miles away at the London-Corbin War Memorial Airport.

Electric power is provided in Lee County by the Kentucky Utilities Company and the Jackson County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation.

Education

There are seven colleges and universities within a 70-mile radius of Beattyville. Eastern Kentucky University, located in Richmond, Kentucky, is 50 miles distant. Berea College, Berea, Kentucky, and the University of Kentucky and Transylvania College, located in Lexington, Kentucky, are 61 and 70 miles, respectively. All are within easy driving distance.

Recreation

Five of Kentucky's beautiful state parks are within 100 miles of Beattyville. Natural Bridge State Park, Slade, Kentucky, is 20 miles distant; Boonesboro State Park, 9 miles southwest of Winchester, Kentucky, 62 miles distant; General Burnside Island State Park, Burnside, Kentucky, 100 miles distant; Pine Mountain State Park, Pineville, Kentucky, 91 miles distant; and Jenny Wiley State Park, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 86 miles distant.

These parks provide excellent recreation facilities including boating, camping, fishing and other forms of outdoor recreation.

Various colleges and universities close to the area offer a wide range of athletic and cultural entertainment.

THE LABOR MARKET

Population

Lee County has an estimated 1969 population of 6,800, a slight decline since 1960. Beattyville had a population of 1,048 in 1960.

TABLE 1

POPULATION TREND-BEATTYVILLE AND LEE COUNTY, KENTUCKY 1/

Year	Beattyville		Lee County	
	Population	% Change	Population	% Change
1900	696		7,988	
1950	1,042	49.7	8,739	9.4
1960	1,048	0.6	7,420	-15.1
1969 (Est.) <u>2/</u>			6,800	- 8.4

General Employment Characteristics

During 1968 total employment in Lee County averaged 1,520. Major segments of employment were agriculture (275), government (315), manufacturing (155), trade and services (195), and mining and quarrying (171).

In the seven-county Lee County labor market area, including Lee, Breathitt, Estill, Jackson, Owsley, Powell, and Wolfe Counties, the total employment in 1968 was 12,360, with agriculture accounting for 3,630, government 3,060, trade and services 1,500, and manufacturing 780.

Manufacturing Characteristics

Manufacturing activity in Lee County has risen sharply during the 1960's. Manufacturing employment averaged 155 in 1968, for a 115.3 percent increase during the past nine years. Approximately 66 percent of industrial employment is female.

Seven firms in Lee County are engaged in manufacturing activity and produce seven different products. The greatest production concentration is in leather products. One of the county's manufacturing firms began production during the 1960's.

TABLE 2

LEE COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS
AND EMPLOYMENT, 1969^{3/}

Firm	Product	Employment		
		Total	Male	Female
<u>Beattyville</u>				
Adams Construction Co.	Asphalt paving	32	30	2
Beattyville Concrete Block Co.	Concrete blocks, ready mixed concrete	13	13	0
Chester Farmer Lumber Co.	Lumber	3	3	0
Lycoming Shoe Co.	Children's shoes	200	18	182
Bob Smallwood Printer	Job printing	2	1	1
<u>Yellow Rock</u>				
The Kentucky Stone Co.	Agricultural lime	21		
<u>Zachariah</u>				
Charles & Bill Bush	Lumber	8	8	0

Eight new firms have located in the Lee County area since 1959 with the greatest productive concentration in leather. Lycoming Shoe Company has located plants in Lee and Powell Counties with eventual total employment estimated at 600.

TABLE 3

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT, LEE COUNTY
LABOR MARKET AREA^{4/}

Industry	1968	1960	% Change
TOTAL	779	632	23.3
Apparel	474	291	62.9
Lumber and furniture	203	264	-23.1
Stone and concrete	41	40	2.5
Other	61	37	64.9

Labor Organizations

The Boot and Shoe Workers Union represents workers at the Lycoming Shoe Company. The United Mine Workers - AFL-CIO represents employees at the Kentucky Stone Company.

Wage Levels

The 1968 average weekly wage in all industries covered by unemployment insurance in Lee County was \$83.34, and \$68.89 for manufacturing. Comparable figures for Kentucky were \$112.16 for all industries and \$123.97 for manufacturing.

All counties in the Lee County market area were below the Kentucky average leading to a tentative conclusion that workers can be recruited for jobs in Lee County at about the minimum wage level.

Some examples of specific occupational wage rates in Beattyville are as follows: 5/

<u>Production Employees</u>	<u>Wages per Hour</u>	
	<u>Starting</u>	<u>Prevailing</u>
Production Laborer	\$1.60	\$2.00
<u>Service Employees</u>		
Janitor	\$1.60	\$1.60
Laborer	1.60	1.70
Mechanic, Maintenance	2.00	2.25
Shipping Clerk	1.60	1.75
Truck Driver	1.60	1.60
<u>Office Employees</u>		
Secretary	\$1.60	\$1.90
Stenographer	1.60	1.85
Typist	1.60	1.75

Labor Supply

A current labor supply of 5,000 men and 4,600 women is available for industrial jobs in the Beattyville area. The current labor supply includes the unemployed, underemployed and persons who would enter the labor force if jobs become available. During the next five years an additional 3,800 boys and 3,700 girls will reach the age of 18 years and augment the labor supply.

Workers could be expected to commute to Beattyville from Breathitt, Estill, Jackson, Owsley, Powell and Wolfe Counties in response to job opportunities, due to the lack of job opportunities and the available labor supply within these counties.

TABLE 4

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY -
BEATTYVILLE LABOR SUPPLY AREA

County	Current Labor Supply 1969 <u>6/</u>			Future Labor Supply by 1975 <u>7/</u> (Becoming 18 Years of Age)		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Labor Market						
Area	9,676	5,038	4,638	7,518	3,814	3,704
Lee	1,077	519	558	885	457	428
Breathitt	2,025	960	1,065	1,896	962	934
Estill	1,473	794	679	1,252	615	637
Jackson	1,648	729	919	1,265	669	596
Owsley	1,401	923	478	577	269	308
Powell	789	393	396	839	425	414
Wolfe	1,263	720	543	804	417	387

Income

The total personal income in Lee County in 1968 was estimated at \$9,046,000. Per capita income was \$1,330 for a gain of \$670 during the previous nine years. 8/

EDUCATION

The educational system in the Beattyville area has the facilities to produce an effective labor force for future industrial growth.

Elementary and High School

Lee County has a consolidated school system. There is a new \$1,000,000 high school with all modern educational facilities. A consolidated junior high school has recently been constructed for the 7th and 8th grades. There are five elementary schools. Two guidance counselors, five remedial reading teachers, five special education teachers, and one homebound teacher serve on the staff. Ninety-seven professional and forty-eight non-professional people are employed. The high school is rated standard by the Kentucky Department of Education. The budget for 1968-69 was \$879,531.

Recent improvements consist of a new \$638,000 elementary school and the remodeling of an elementary school and construction of a greenhouse at a cost of approximately \$84,789. Installation of educational television receivers is planned for the near future.

TABLE 5

SCHOOLS, ENROLLMENT, NUMBER OF TEACHERS, STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO IN BEATTYVILLE AND LEE COUNTY, 1968-69 ^{9/}

School	Enrollment	No. of Teachers	Student-Teacher Ratio
Lee County Elementaries (5)	949	30	24-1
Lee County Junior High School	454	21	21-1
Lee County High School	511	22	23-1
Canyon Falls	28	2	14-1

Vocational Schools

An extension center of the Hazard Area Vocational-Technical School is located in Beattyville. Course offerings include standard training in auto mechanics, business and office education, carpentry, drafting, electricity and welding.

The Hazard Area Vocational-Technical School, 51 miles from Beattyville, offers the following courses: electronics (industrial), highway technology, auto body repair, auto mechanics, carpentry, drafting, electricity, heavy equipment, machine shop, mine machinery mechanics, welding, general clerical, secretarial-steno, and practical nursing.



LEE COUNTY JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Colleges

Eastern Kentucky University, located in Richmond, 50 miles, is a coeducational public institution offering general and liberal arts programs, pre-professional and professional training in education and various other fields at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Eastern also offers a joint doctoral program with the University of Kentucky leading toward the Ed.D Degree in education. The campus embraces approximately 325 acres. The various academic buildings, dormitories, and other facilities are centered around a replica of an ancient Greek amphitheater which seats 2,500 persons. Eastern has provided more than six decades of educational service. Eastern had a 1968 fall enrollment of 9,180 students. By 1970, enrollment is expected to number over 10,000 students.

Other institutions of higher learning in the Beattyville area include:

<u>College or University</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Distance</u>
Lees Junior College	Jackson, Kentucky	26 miles
Southeastern Christian College	Winchester, Kentucky	50 miles
Sue Bennett Junior College	London, Kentucky	50 miles
Berea College	Berea, Kentucky	61 miles
University of Kentucky	Lexington, Kentucky	70 miles
Transylvania College	Lexington, Kentucky	70 miles

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company provides Beattyville with freight service. There is one local freight and six to eight through freights daily. Switching service is provided six days a week and sidings for 25 cars are provided. Passenger service is not available. Piggyback facilities are available at Richmond, Kentucky, approximately 50 miles away.

REA Express service is available two days a week.

TABLE 6

RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM BEATTYVILLE, KENTUCKY, TO: 10/

City	No. of Days		City	No. of Days	
	CL			CL	
Atlanta, Ga.	4		Los Angeles, Calif.	6	
Birmingham, Ala.	4		Louisville, Ky.	2	
Chicago, Ill.	4		Nashville, Tenn.	3	
Cincinnati, Ohio	2		New Orleans, La.	5	
Cleveland, Ohio	4		New York, N. Y.	5	
Detroit, Mich.	5		Pittsburgh, Pa.	4	
Knoxville, Tenn.	3		St. Louis, Mo.	4	

Highways

Beattyville is 20 miles from the Mountain Parkway via Kentucky Route 11. The Parkway serves as a link in the network of interstate highways providing easy access to the major markets of the nation.

Other highways serving Beattyville are Kentucky Routes 52 and 587.

Truck Service: Beattyville is served by the Oaks Truck Line, which maintains a terminal in Beattyville.

TABLE 7

HIGHWAY MILES AND TRUCK TRANSIT TIME FROM
BEATTYVILLE, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time (Days)		City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time ^{11/}	
		TL				TL	
Atlanta, Ga.	425	3		Los Angeles, Calif.	2,341	5	
Birmingham, Ala.	493	3		Louisville, Ky.	145	2	
Chicago, Ill.	430	3		Nashville, Tenn.	288	2	
Cincinnati, Ohio	180	2		New Orleans, La.	775	4	
Cleveland, Ohio	394	3		New York, N. Y.	400	4	
Detroit, Mich.	403	3		Pittsburgh, Pa.	434	4	
Knoxville, Tenn.	150	3		St. Louis, Mo.	409	3	

Air

Beattyville is served by the London-Corbin War Memorial Airport, 50 miles distant. Commercial service is provided by Piedmont Airlines with six flights daily. The runway has recently been extended to 6,000 feet in length, 150 feet in width. It is equipped for night operation. Charter and private flying service and car rentals are available.

The Blue Grass Airport, Lexington, Kentucky, 70 miles distant, also serves the Lee County area.

The nearest private airport available to Beattyville is located at Stanton, Kentucky, approximately 40 miles away.

Water

The Kentucky River bisects Lee County. A 6-foot channel is maintained by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Kentucky River from Beattyville to its confluence with the Ohio River. There are two ports in Lee County, located at Beattyville and Heidelberg. Barge transportation is available.

Other Transportation Services

Taxi service is available 24 hours a day.

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Electricity is supplied to Beattyville by the Kentucky Utilities Company, which serves 775 customers in Lee County. The Company has a generating capacity of approximately 740,000 KW in its six generating stations. 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.

Portions of Lee County are served by the Jackson County RECC, which provides electric service to 3,000 Lee County customers. Its source of supply is the East Kentucky RECC, a generation and transmission cooperative which transmits low-cost wholesale power to its eighteen member rural electrics. Rates for industry will be furnished by the Jackson County RECC, McKee, Kentucky, or the East Kentucky RECC, Winchester, Kentucky.

Natural Gas

Natural gas is not available in Lee County. Two propane gas dealers, with adequate potential to serve any immediate need, serve Beattyville.

Coal

Beattyville is served by the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field. A representative delivery cost for industrial and domestic coal can be determined from each district shown as follows. 12/

<u>Point of Origin</u>	<u>Freight Delivery Cost (Net Ton)</u>
Jellico-Middlesboro	\$3.77
Harlan	3.77
Hazard	2.93

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

Water is supplied to Beattyville by the Beattyville Water Company which derives raw water from the Kentucky River. The treatment plant has recently been renovated at the cost of \$62,000. The treatment capacity of the plant is 360,000 gpd and average daily use is 220,000 gallons. The maximum daily use had been 329,000 gallons. Water is distributed through 8-, 6-, 4-, and 2-inch lines and the average pressure is maintained at 92 psi. Storage facilities consist of a reservoir and one tank, with a combined capacity of 200,000 gallons.

Water Rates

First	2,500 gallons	\$3.00 (Minimum)
Next	7,500 gallons	.85 per M gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.75 per M gallons
Next	15,000 gallons	.65 per M gallons
All over	40,000 gallons	.60 per M gallons

Sewerage

Beattyville's municipal sewerage system is designed to serve a population of 2,500 and has a design flow of 200,000 gpd. Sewage receives primary and secondary treatment. The present surplus capacity of the system is 1,500 population, or 100,000 gallons per day. Sanitary sewers are 8 and 6 inches. The treated effluent is emptied into the Kentucky River.

Sewerage rates are 80 percent of the water bill.

AGRICULTURE-NATURAL RESOURCES-CLIMATE

Agriculture

The approximate total land area of Lee County is 134,400 acres, with 21 percent of the area devoted to farm land. In 1964, there were 318 farms in the county, with an average size of 87 acres.

Farm income in the county is primarily from the production of burley tobacco supplemented by cattle and hogs. The 1964 value of sales of all farm products totaled \$302,885, averaging \$265 per farm. Crop sales totaled \$229,845; livestock and livestock products totaled \$72,540.

In 1967, agricultural production in Lee County included 528,000 pounds of burley tobacco and 26,000 bushels of corn. Livestock on farms on January 1, 1968, included 1,600 cattle and calves, and 1,200 hogs and pigs. Milk cows on farms during 1966 averaged 300 head, with milk production for the year totaling 1.4 million pounds.

Mineral Resources

Lee County's principal mineral resources, produced in order of value in 1967, were petroleum, limestone, and coal. Some clays, sand, and shales have been identified in the county but are not commercially utilized at present. Large volumes of gas were incurred during the early operating years of the oil fields. Petroleum, limestone and coal are actively being produced in this area.

The Big Sinking Pool, consisting of 14,000 acres, is one of the largest and best known oil pools in the state. This pool accounts for the majority of the county's oil production. Successful effects of the secondary recovery operations are responsible for the large amount of oil recovered in Lee County. Through 1968 an accumulative total of 65,080,728 barrels of crude oil had been produced. A total of 1,668,382 barrels were produced in 1968.

Crushed limestone is produced for concrete, roads, railroad ballast, and agstone in this area. The limestone has a relative high calcium carbonate content and outcrops in an irregular northeast-southwest direction across the western half of the county.

In 1967 coal was taken from one underground mine producing 20,000 short tons valued at \$102,000. Through 1967 an accumulative total of 3,992,716 short tons have been produced.

Water Resources

The Kentucky River affords the largest supply of surface water in Lee County. Also, the three main tributaries, North, Middle, and South Fork, of the Kentucky River are of prime interest, for they join within the county. Average discharge of the Kentucky River at Heidelberg is 3,474 cfs (35 year record). Impoundments on tributaries may also serve as surface water potentials.

The expected yield of ground water in Lee County, with exception of the western border, is 5 to 50 gpm, and could be considered as a potential for industrial water supplies. The remaining portion of the county has an expected yield of 5 gpm or less. Exceptions may be found in restricted areas.

Forests

There are 109,000 acres of commercial forest land in Lee County, covering 81.1 percent of the total land area. The most abundant species are red oaks, white oaks, yellow poplar, hickories, soft and hard maples, beech and blackgum.

Within a 50-mile radius of Beattyville, the county seat, there are three million acres of commercial forest land. In 1962, 111 million board feet of timber were harvested from this area. Forestry authorities agree that the desirable annual cut should be much larger. While some of the timber harvest is used locally, most of it is shipped out of the area for further processing.

Forests of the entire area receive organized protection from fire from the State Department of Natural Resources.

Climate

Beattyville has an attractive year-round climate, which is characterized by the lack of extremes and severe changes.

Winter is short - snowfall is light, and occurs mostly during January, February, and March. The snow rarely lasts longer than a few days. The average yearly precipitation is 43.2 inches.

The monthly minimum temperature ranges from 25.7 to 66.4° F., while the maximum monthly temperature ranges from 41.6 to 86° F. Over the year, the average temperature ranges from 33.7 to 76.2° F.

In an average year there are 161 cloudy days, 106 days partly cloudy, and 98 clear days. The prevailing wind is from the south. An average year has 18 days of fog.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

Beattyville, the county seat of Lee County, is a fifth-class city. It is governed by a mayor elected for a four-year term and six councilmen elected for two-year terms.

Lee County is governed by a fiscal court composed of a county judge, elected for a four-year term, and four magistrates elected by district for four-year terms.

Finance

The City of Beattyville had an income of \$84,180 for the twelve months ending December 31, 1968, while expenditures totaled \$75,950. Bonded indebtedness for the city as of December 31, 1968, was \$396,000 for a water and sewer bond.

Lee County's estimated budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, was \$128,000. Bonded indebtedness of the county school system as of June 30, 1968, was \$742,000.

Taxes

Property taxes are a major source of income for Beattyville and Lee County. Property must be assessed at 100 percent of fair cash value under provisions of the Kentucky Constitution. Net assessed value of property in 1968 in these jurisdictions was:

<u>Major Classes of Property</u>	<u>Beattyville</u>	<u>Lee County</u>
Real Estate	\$2,425,700	\$17,515,635
Tangibles	980,840	2,874,618
Public Service	574,143	4,889,159

Property tax rates for Beattyville and Lee County are shown on the following page.

TABLE 8

PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE FOR
BEATTYVILLE AND LEE COUNTY, 1968 ^{13/}

Taxing Unit	Beattyville	Lee County
State	\$.015	\$.015
County	.210	.210
School	.844	.844
City	<u>.300</u>	<u> </u>
Total	\$1.369	\$1.069

The City of Beattyville requires a business license for all commercial businesses. The fee ranges from a minimum of \$10 to a maximum of \$125 annually.

Beattyville is empowered by state law to allow a five-year exemption from municipal taxation for new industry.

Planning and Zoning

Beattyville has applied to the Kentucky Program Development Office for aid in their planning and zoning.

Safety

Fire: Beattyville has a Class-8 American Insurance Association fire rating. The Beattyville Fire Department is staffed by a full-time chief and 15 volunteer firemen. Major equipment includes a 500-gpm pumper, 1,800 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose, 800 feet of 1 1/2-inch hose, 200 feet of booster hose, a 42-foot ladder, 4 foam and 3 chemical extinguishers.

Police: The Beattyville Police Department is staffed by a chief, two patrolmen, and one radio dispatcher. One radio-equipped cruiser is used.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office is staffed by a sheriff and two deputies. One radio-equipped patrol car is used.

Sanitation

Garbage is collected daily in the business area and twice a week in the residential section for a fee of \$2 and \$1 per month, respectively. Disposal is by means of a land fill.

HEALTH

Hospitals

Lee County is served by hospitals in surrounding counties. The nearest hospital is the Estill County Hospital, located in Irvine, 25 miles distant. This 20-bed hospital has facilities for general medical care, obstetrics, maternal, X-ray, diet control and outpatient services.

The hospitals in Lexington, Kentucky, 70 miles west, are just 90 minutes from Beattyville via the Mountain Parkway.

Nursing Home

Smith Rest Home is located in Beattyville and equipped with 30 beds.

Public Health

The Lee County Health Department is located in Beattyville. The staff consists of one doctor, two registered nurses, one nurse supervisor, one sanitarian, two clerks, one administrative assistant, one nutritionist, and two home health aides. The health program includes communicable disease control, field office visits, tuberculosis control, adult health services, diagnostic clinics and child psychiatry. The 1969 budget is \$35,000.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Housing

There are very few houses for rent or sale in Beattyville. The construction cost for a three-bedroom brick house would run from \$17,000 to \$22,000, depending on location and materials.

Communication

Telephone: The South Central Bell Telephone Company serves 1,725 subscribers in the Beattyville area.

Postal: Beattyville is served by a second-class post office with nine employees. Mail is received and dispatched twice daily. There is one rural route and three star routes. Postal receipts for 1968 totaled \$32,774.

Newspapers: The Beattyville Enterprise is published weekly and has a circulation of 2,500. Daily newspapers are received from Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky.

Radio: Beattyville is served by WLJC, Beattyville, stations in Lexington, Kentucky, and one station in West Virginia. Cable service is available. Outside antennae are also utilized. Reception is considered good.

Libraries

The Lee County Public Library serves Beattyville and Lee County. It has a total of 7,500 volumes and the 1968 circulation was 42,308. A story hour for children is planned.

A bookmobile operates in the rural area of the county five days a week.

Churches

There are nine churches in Beattyville representing the following denominations: Baptist, Christian, Catholic, Episcopal, Church of Christ, Nazarene, Evangelical, Methodist, and Presbyterian.

Financial Institutions

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Statement as of June 29, 1968</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Peoples Exchange Bank	\$5,500,000	\$4,300,000

Hotels and Motels

There is one 14-unit motel in Beattyville.

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic: Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, Medical Society, Red Cross, Ministerial Association, Lee County Development Association, Beattyville Country Club, Lee County Sportsmen Club, Lee County Booster Club

Fraternal: American Legion, Masonic Lodge, VFW, DAV

Women's: Woman's Club, Lee County Teachers Club, Daughters of America, American Legion Auxiliary, Homemakers, Garden Club, Eastern Star

Youth: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, FFA, FHA, 4-H

Recreation

Local: Beattyville has a Little League program, a four-acre playground with modern recreation equipment, softball league, a new swimming pool, and a new country club with a nine-hole golf course. A new wading pool has just been completed at a cost of \$18,000.

A new city park is planned adjacent to the swimming pool, and will have tennis courts, basketball courts and picnic shelters.

Other: Natural Bridge State Park is 20 miles from Beattyville via the Mountain Parkway. The park has a lodge, Olympic pool, dining room, gift shop, efficiency and one-bedroom cottages, tent and trailer camp sites with central service building, 55-acre lake, boating and boat rentals, bathhouse, picnicking, horseback riding, hiking and nature trails, fishing, playground and supervised recreation. Located in the Cumberland National Forest, this Red River Valley area abounds in high stone cliffs, unique rock formations, deep valleys, mountain streams and a profuse forest and wildflower covering. There are 12 great natural bridges in the area. Natural Bridge is the largest; its arch is 78 feet long and 65 feet high. An eleven minute ride on the chair lift provides a magnificent view of the surrounding area.

Boonesborough State Park is on the Kentucky River in central Kentucky on Kentucky Highway 388. The park has tent and trailer camp sites with central service building, a splendid river beach, bathhouse, boat dock and launching ramp, boat rentals, playground and fishing.

General Burnside Island State Park, Burnside, in southcentral Kentucky on US-27, is 98 miles southwest of Beattyville. The park has a sand beach, bathhouse, lake swimming, 9-hole golf course, tent and trailer campsites with central service building, boating and boat rentals, picnic area with rest rooms, playground and fishing. The park is an island in Lake Cumberland with a causeway for access.

Jenny Wiley State Park, Prestonsburg, in eastern Kentucky on Kentucky 304 off US-23 and 460, is 86 miles from Beattyville. The park has a lodge and lodge pool, dining room and gift shop, one-bedroom duplex and two-bedroom deluxe cottages, primitive tent and trailer camping sites, boat docks, boat rentals and launching ramp, swimming, picnic shelter with rest rooms, 9-hole golf course, horseback riding, fishing, hiking trails, playground and planned recreation and an amphitheater. Dewey Lake, 1,150 acres, is the central attraction and has excellent fishing, especially for bass. A 12,000-acre forest surrounds the park and the eastern Kentucky mountain scenery is beautiful any time of the year. The saga of Jenny Wiley is worth hearing.

Pine Mountain State Park, Pineville, in southeastern Kentucky on US-25 E, is 84 miles southeast of Beattyville. The park has a resort lodge, resort pool, dining room, gift shop, efficiency and one-bedroom cottages, two-bedroom deluxe cottages, tent and trailer camping spaces with central service building, 50-acre lake, picnic shelter with rest rooms, fishing, boating and boat rentals, 9-hole golf course, horseback riding, hiking and nature trails, playground, a planned recreation program and an amphitheater. The park is located in Kentucky Ridge State Forest, and every tree known to the Appalachian region grows here. The Mountain Laurel Festival is held the last weekend in May, and in the park's Laurel Cove Amphitheater the Mountain Laurel Queen--selected from Kentucky college beauties--is crowned. "The Book of Job," a choral drama, is staged in the amphitheater in late June, July, and August.

Community Improvements

Public: New \$1,000,000 high school completed in 1965 - new \$680,000 sewerage system constructed - water treatment plant renovated at the cost of \$62,000 - new \$600,000 vocational school completed - new swimming pool and wading pool constructed - consolidated junior high school completed for the 7th and 8th grades - all streets paved - 2 new \$638,000 elementary schools constructed - elementary school remodeled and greenhouse constructed at cost of \$84,789.

Business and Industrial: Lycoming Shoe Factory located in Beattyville - new 14-unit motel constructed - low-rent, public housing project constructed at the cost of \$472,000.

Other: New country club and golf course completed.

Planned: A new elementary school - two new access roads to the high school and vocational school - applied for a federal grant to renovate sidewalks and storm sewers.

HISTORY

In 1870, Lee County became the one-hundred and fifteenth county in Kentucky. Its territory was taken from Breathitt, Estill, Owsley, and Wolfe Counties. It contains 210 square miles. The Kentucky River bisects the county, and with the confluences of both the North and South Forks of the Kentucky at Beattyville, the county has a great deal of surface water potential. The surface of the land is hilly and mountainous. The soils in the river valleys are fertile, while they are thin on the hillsides and slopes of the mountains. Daniel Boone National Forest extends through the western half of the county.

The Kentucky River played an important role in the early commerce of Lee County. Steamboats made regular runs to Beattyville, the county seat, during most of the year. Coal, iron ore, and logs were shipped downstream to various river ports.

The earliest visitor to Lee County was Dr. Thomas Walker who came in 1750. Part of Walker's party was left behind in Knox County while the other part explored several middle eastern Kentucky counties and probably some southwestern Virginia counties as well. After spending an uneventful but profitable winter in the area, Dr. Walker rejoined his men who also had been successful in their quest for animal skins, near Barboursville. As a result of their exploration, Walker gave a very favorable report concerning Eastern Kentucky to the Loyal Land Company in Virginia.

The second group of visitors in Lee County was the McAfee Company from Bottetourt County, Virginia, who had surveyed lands between Salt River and Harrodsburg in 1773 and were on the way back to Virginia. McAfee followed the Kentucky River eastward from the mouth of Dix River. When he arrived at present-day Beattyville, where the three forks of Kentucky River branch out into the mountains, there was some question as to which stream to follow. He decided to follow the main stream, and soon found himself surrounded by a maze of mountain ranges. Serious consideration was given to back-track his route. Fortunately, the path cut by Dr. Walker twenty-three years earlier was found and it led to present-day Lawrence County from which a descent of Big Sandy River brought McAfee to the Ohio. He went up that stream to the well-known trails that led eastward. In fact, those trails had been used by the armies that fought in the French and Indian War and were well charted.

Lee County, named for General Robert E. Lee, is rich in many natural wonders. Pinnacle Rock rises majestically over the Kentucky River near Old Landing and commands a magnificent view of the surrounding countryside. A small horseshoe shaped canyon near the Lee-Breathitt County line has a waterfall over which Mill Creek tumbles for several feet. The natural splendor and attractiveness of the area is well worth the tourist's efforts to visit it.

Beattyville, the county seat, lies on the north side of the Kentucky River at the junction of its three forks. It was named for Samuel Beatty, one of the early settlers in the county.

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