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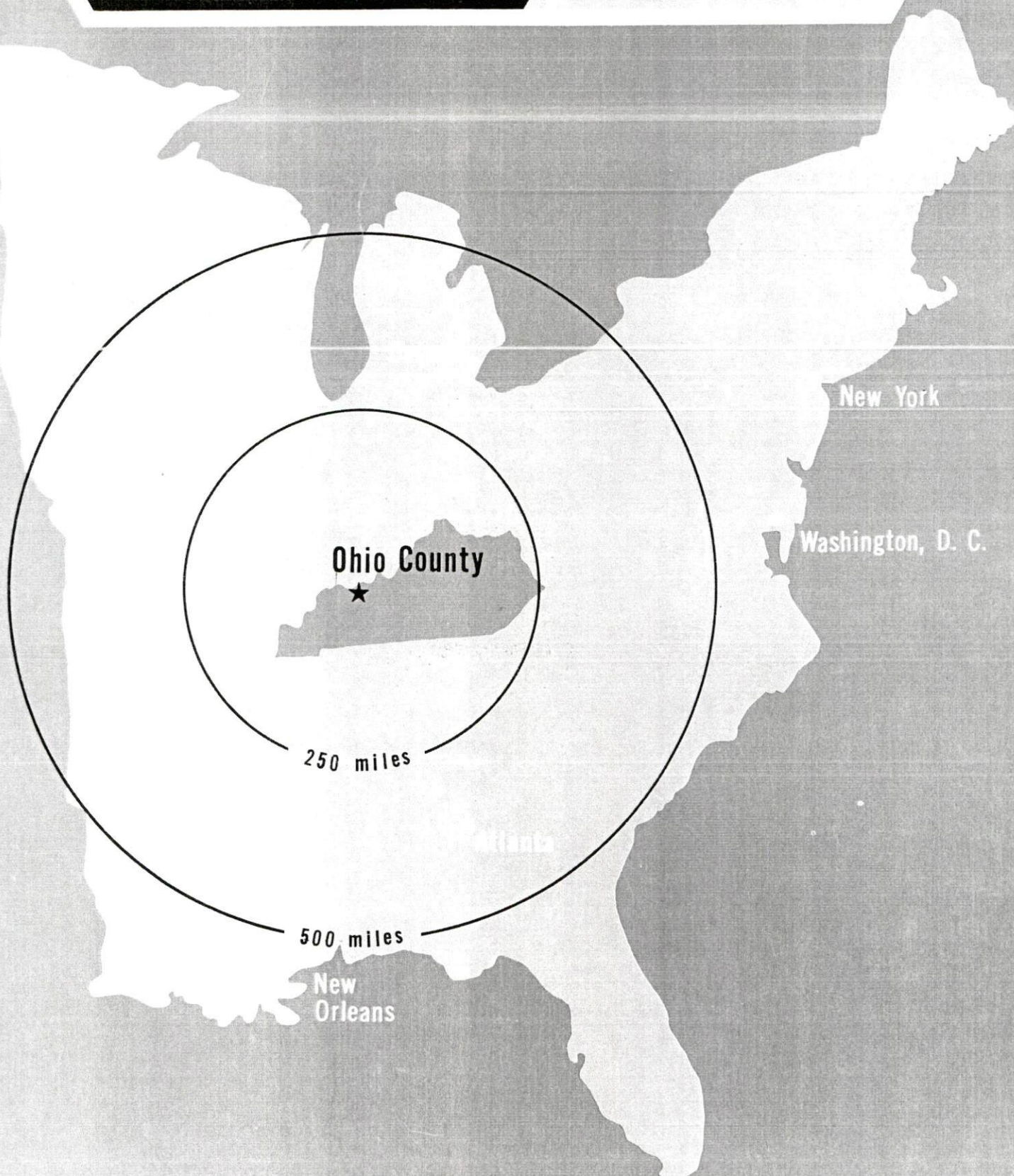
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# **INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES**

**OHIO COUNTY  
KENTUCKY**



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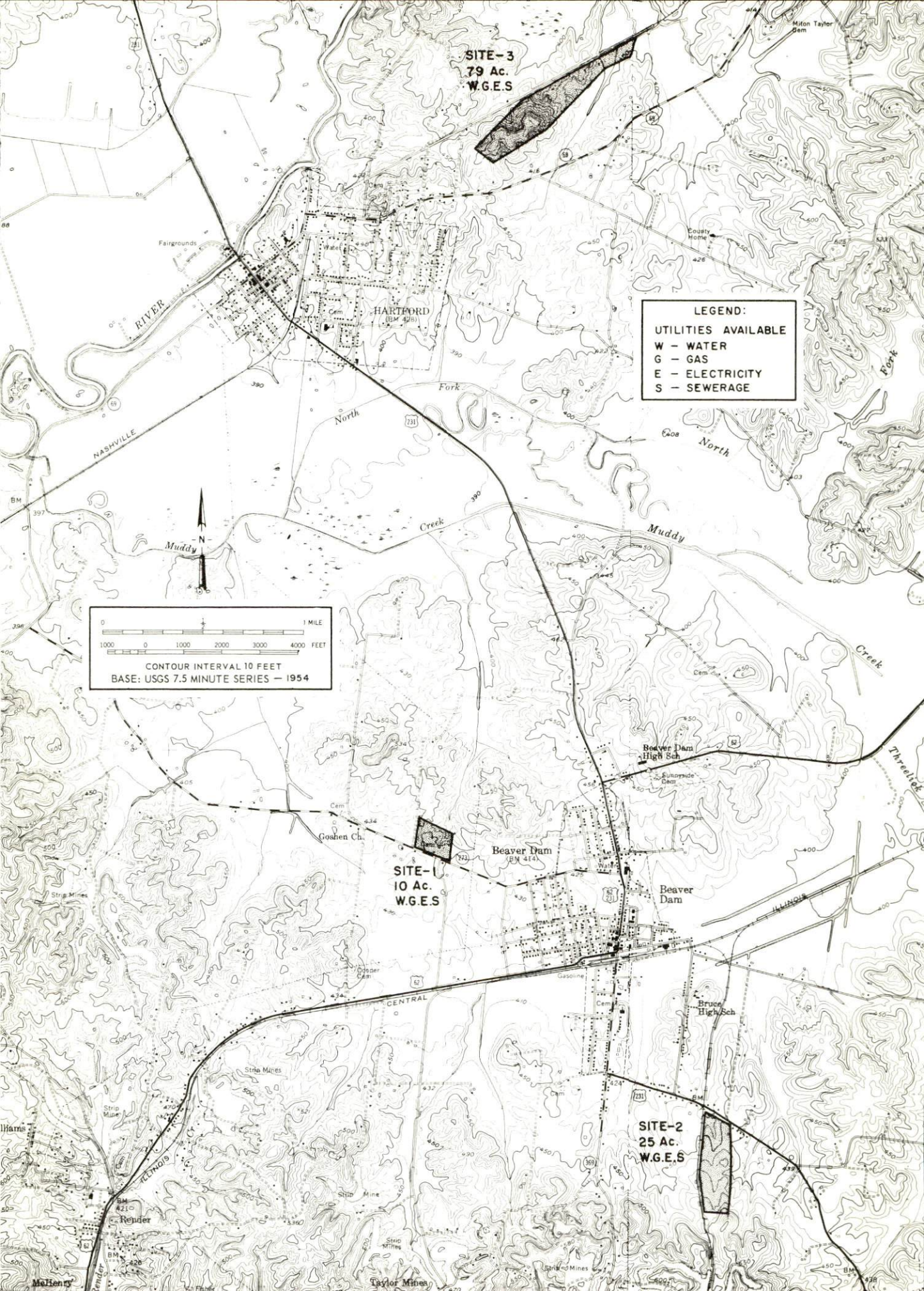
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SITE #1: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 10 acres, level to slightly rolling  
LOCATION: One-half mile northwest of Beaver Dam on Highway 273  
ZONING: Industrial  
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Ky. 273, US 62, US 231 and within 2 1/2 miles of Western Kentucky Turnpike  
RAILROADS: Illinois Central tracks within 1 mile, Louisville & Nashville tracks 2.5 miles  
WATER: Beaver Dam Water & Sewer Company  
GAS: Western Kentucky Gas Company  
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company  
SEWERAGE: Beaver Dam Water & Sewer Company  
OPTIONED BY: Ohio County Industrial Foundation

SITE #2: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 25 acres, level to slightly rolling  
LOCATION: Southeast of and adjacent to Beaver Dam on US 231  
ZONING: Industrial  
HIGHWAY ACCESS: US 231, Western Kentucky Parkway interchange 1 mile  
RAILROADS: Illinois Central adjacent, Louisville & Nashville 5 miles  
WATER: Beaver Dam Water & Sewer Company  
GAS: Western Kentucky Gas Company  
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company  
SEWERAGE: Beaver Dam Water & Sewer Company  
OPTIONED BY: Ohio County Chamber of Commerce

SITE #3: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 79 acres, level to rolling  
LOCATION: One-half mile east of Hartford  
ZONING: Industrial  
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Secondary road one-fourth mile from Ky. 69; a toll-road is planned which should pass through this site with an interchange less than one-half mile away  
RAILROADS: The Louisville & Nashville's old line bounds this site on the north. The Hartford depot is 1 mile distant.  
WATER: Hartford Municipal Water Works & Sewer Company  
GAS: Western Kentucky Gas Company  
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company  
SEWERAGE: Hartford Municipal Water Works & Sewer Company  
OPTIONED BY: Ohio County Chamber of Commerce





SITE-3  
79 Ac.  
W.G.E.S

LEGEND:  
UTILITIES AVAILABLE  
W - WATER  
G - GAS  
E - ELECTRICITY  
S - SEWERAGE

0 1000 2000 3000 4000 FEET  
1 MILE  
CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
BASE: USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES - 1954

SITE-1  
10 Ac.  
W.G.E.S

SITE-2  
25 Ac.  
W.G.E.S

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## OHIO COUNTY, KENTUCKY, A PROFILE

### Location

Ohio County shares a common border with Daviess County and is located southeast of Owensboro in northcentral western Kentucky. Hartford, the county seat, is located near the center of the county, approximately 26 miles from Owensboro. Towns in the county are easily accessible by highway. Ohio County is served by US Highways 231 and 62, and more than ten other Kentucky highways. The limited access Western Kentucky Parkway also passes through Ohio County and within 3 miles of the growing Hartford-Beaver Dam area.

### The Economy

Ohio County has a sound economy based on employment in agriculture, manufacturing, trade and services, and government. Total county employment in 1967 averaged 4,700 with 700 of this number engaged in manufacturing. This number should increase as Coated Metallic Products and Thomas Industries production units located in Beaver Dam develop toward capacity.

Effective buying income for Ohio County in 1967 was \$27,877,000, or an income per household of \$5,162. This figure is somewhat below the state average of \$7,529.

Employment in the eight-county Ohio County labor market area, composed of Ohio and its surrounding counties, is marked by a favorable balance throughout. In this area, manufacturing accounts for 14,050 jobs, followed by trade and services with 11,900, agriculture with 10,100, and government with 5,200. Manufacturing employment has increased steadily over the past eight years and has shown a marked effect on the area's economic growth.

The outlook for continuing economic growth in Ohio County, as well as in the entire area, is extremely encouraging. Industrial and group interests are high, the labor supply is excellent and growing, wage rates are moderate, industrial sites are available for development and community attitudes are progressive. Louisville is less than two hours drive from the heart of Ohio County via the Western Kentucky Parkway and the Kentucky Turnpike. Easy access to major metropolitan areas in Kentucky greatly enhances the social and industrial attractiveness of the Ohio County area.

### Labor Supply

There is a current labor supply of 5,800 men and 5,100 women in the Ohio County labor market area. It is estimated that by 1974 this total will be augmented by 9,200 young men and 9,100 young women who will have become 18 years of age.

### Industrial Sites and Services

Three industrial sites, ranging from 10 to 79 acres, are now available; two are presently under option to the Ohio County Chamber of Commerce, and the other is under option to the Ohio County Industrial Foundation.

There are excellent transportation facilities in the area of these sites. Power, water, gas, and sewerage facilities are either presently available or available for connection with all sites.

### Education

Ohio County is somewhat centrally located between two centers of higher learning. In Owensboro, approximately 26 miles from Hartford and only 12 miles from the Daviess-Ohio County boundary, are located Kentucky Wesleyan College and Brescia College, both four-year institutions. Approximately 45 miles southeast of Beaver Dam and easily accessible by US 231 is Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. This outstanding regional institution offers extensive opportunities for advanced study. University of Kentucky Community Colleges are located in Henderson, approximately 30 miles from Owensboro, and in Elizabethtown, Hopkinsville and Madisonville, approximately 65, 50 and 40 miles, respectively, from Beaver Dam, by way of the Western Kentucky Parkway. Evansville University, in Evansville, Indiana, is approximately 60 miles from Hartford and easily accessible by US 231 and US 60.

### Recreation

Recreational opportunities abound in and around the Ohio County area. Various Kentucky state parks, including Rough River State Park and Lake Malone State Park, are located near Ohio County. These and other state recreational facilities offer extensive recreational pastimes including boating, camping, fishing, and other forms of outdoor recreation.

Ohio County has various parks and recreational centers and a municipal swimming pool.

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



## THE LABOR MARKET

### Population

The 1960 Ohio County population was 17,725, a decrease of 14.9 percent from the 1950 figure. 1968 population estimates show a substantial decline in population loss with less than a 2 percent decrease between 1960 and 1968. This marked decline may be attributable in part to the significant industrial growth within the entire Ohio County labor market area and a large portion of Western Kentucky. Improved highway facilities and the development of University of Kentucky colleges in the area may also have contributed to the decreased migration from the area.

TABLE 1

POPULATION TREND - BEAVER DAM, HARTFORD, AND OHIO COUNTY,  
KENTUCKY <sup>1/</sup>

Year	<u>Beaver Dam</u>		<u>Hartford</u>		<u>Ohio County</u>	
	Population	%Change	Population	% Change	Population	% Change
1900	552		785		27,287	
1950	1,349	144.4	1,564	99.2	20,840	-23.6
1960	1,648	22.2	1,618	3.5	17,725	-14.9
1968 <sup>2/</sup> (Est.)	NA*		NA*		17,400	- 1.8

\*Not Available.

### Employment Characteristics

The total Ohio County employment in 1967 averaged 4,696. Major employment segments are agriculture (1,331), manufacturing (718), trade and services (603), and government (551).

Manufacturing activity in Ohio County is experiencing a steady climb and now provides more than 700 jobs. Leaders in the employment field with more than 600 jobs offered are those industries involved in the production of apparel, wood products, and machinery and metal products. Total manufacturing employment in 1967 was up 214.8 percent over the 1959 figure and the outlook is for continued growth.

During the period since 1960, seven new industries with forecast job offerings for 990 and representing capital investments of \$1,341,000 have located in Ohio County. In addition, there have been 10 expansions of new or previously existing industrial facilities. These expansions have accounted for 268 new jobs and current capital investments of \$624,000.

Coated Metallic Products, Inc., and Thomas Industries, both of which located in Beaver Dam in 1966, now provide more than 250 jobs. Cowden Manufacturing is the leading county employer with more than 260 presently employed. Montpelier Glove Company is developing a second production unit in Ohio County which will significantly boost its present employment rate.

TABLE 2

MAJOR OHIO COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS WITH PRODUCTS  
AND EMPLOYMENT <sup>3/</sup>

Firm	Location	Product	Employment		
			T	M	F
Cowden Mfg. Co.	Beaver Dam	Clothing	261	21	240
Coated Metallic Products Co.	Beaver Dam	Plastic, rubber coated trays	200		
Young Mfg. Co.	Beaver Dam	Millwork	94	90	4
Thomas Industries, Inc.	Beaver Dam	Lighting fixtures	60	20	40
State Contracting & Stone Co.	Hartford	Bituminous concrete	123	121	2
Montpelier Glove Co.	Hartford	Gloves	77	18	59

The eight-county Ohio County labor market area includes: Ohio, Breckinridge, Butler, Daviess, Grayson, Hancock, McLean, and Muhlenberg Counties. In September, 1967, there were 53,866 employed in all industrial categories in the Ohio County area, 14,088 of whom were employed in manufacturing. Major groupings of activities within the area are shown in Table 3.

Daviess County leads commandingly in all categories except clothing, textile and leather products. That category is led by Butler County and followed closely by Ohio. Daviess, Muhlenberg, and Ohio Counties lead in lumber and furniture production. Daviess, Breckinridge, and Hancock lead in the stone, clay, and glass production, while Daviess and Hancock hold commanding leads in primary metals production. Ohio County has experienced significant growth in textile and clothing production and should experience further development with the recent location in Ohio County of major clothing and glove manufacturers.



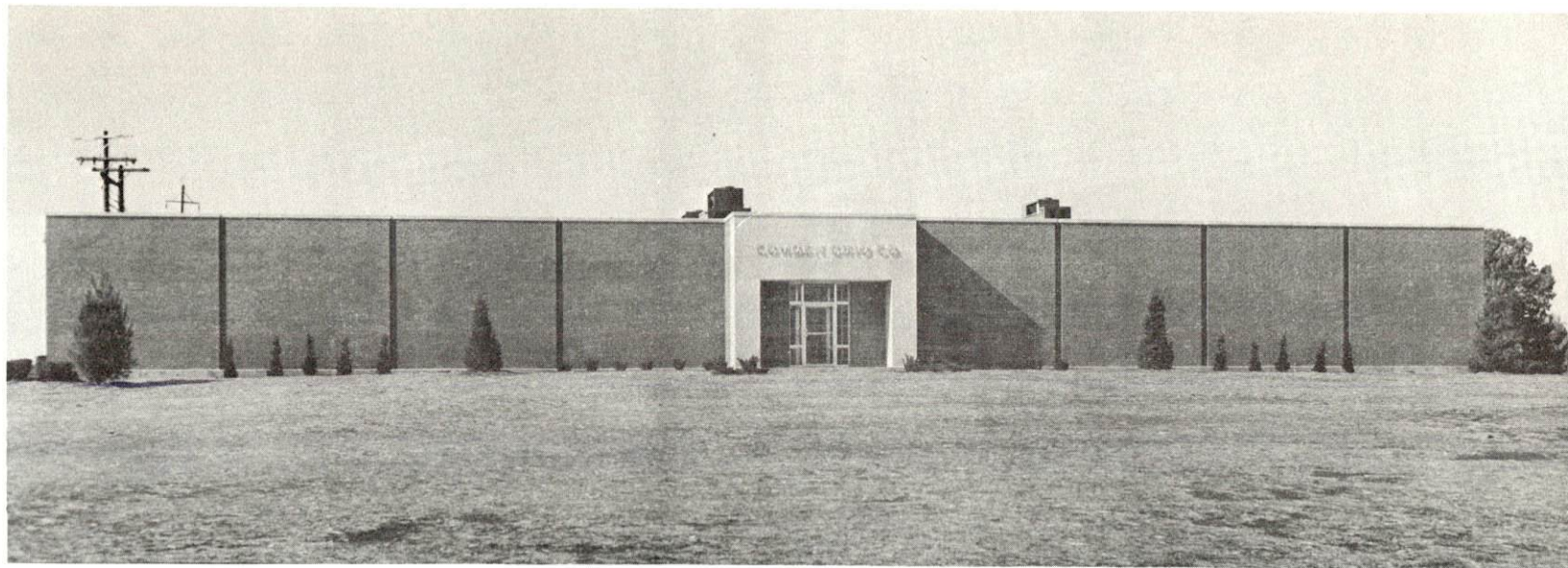


THOMAS INDUSTRIES, INC.



COATED METALLIC PRODUCTS, INC.





COWDEN OHIO CO.



MONTPELIER GLOVE CO.

TABLE 3

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT, OHIO COUNTY LABOR MARKET  
AREA, SEPTEMBER, 1967 <sup>4/</sup>

Industry	Employment
TOTAL	14,088
Food and beverages	1,663
Machinery and metal products	5,888
Clothing, textiles and leather	1,563
Lumber and furniture	1,795
Primary metals	1,103
Other	2,076

Labor Organizations

Unions represented in Ohio County include the United Auto Workers, United Garment Workers of America, and the International United Brothers of America, AF of L and CIO.

Wage Levels

The average weekly wage in industries covered by unemployment insurance in Ohio County was \$102.66 during 1967. The weekly average in manufacturing was \$63.22. Comparable figures for Kentucky were: \$104.50 for all industries; \$115.08 for manufacturing. In the eight-county Ohio County labor market area, six counties were below the Kentucky average for all industries; and two counties, Hancock and Muhlenberg, above that average. Daviess and Ohio Counties were very close to the state average with totals of \$102.63 and \$102.26, respectively. Seven counties in the area were below the \$115.08 average weekly wage for manufacturing. Hancock County, with an average weekly manufacturing wage of \$145.71, was the lone area county to exceed the state average.

Examples of labor costs in the area for the various skills are listed on the following page. <sup>5/</sup>



<u>Production Employees</u>	<u>Wages Per Hour</u>		
	<u>Starting</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Prevailing</u>
Assembler	\$1.60	\$2.05	\$1.70
Drill Press Operator	1.60	2.05	1.75
Grinder, Machine	1.60	2.05	1.70
Inspector	1.60	2.10	1.80
Lathe Operator	1.70	2.15	1.90
Machinist, Set Up	1.90	2.50	2.00
Polisher & Buffer	1.60	2.05	1.70
Production Laborer	1.60	2.00	1.70
Punch Press Operator	1.60	2.05	1.70
Sprayer or Painter	1.70	2.15	1.80
Welder, Arc or Acetylene	1.80	2.50	2.00
Welder, Resistance or Spot	1.60	2.05	1.70
 <u>Service Employees</u>			
Carpenter	\$1.75	\$2.25	\$2.00
Crane Operator	1.80	2.30	2.00
Electrician	2.00	3.00	2.20
Janitor	1.60	1.85	1.70
Laborer	1.60	1.85	1.65
Machinist	2.00	3.00	2.20
Mechanic, Maintenance	1.80	2.50	1.90
Pattern Maker	1.60	1.80	1.65
Shipping Clerk	1.60	1.80	1.65
Truck Driver	1.60	2.05	1.70
Tool, Die or Gauge Maker	2.00	3.00	2.10
Welder, Acetylene, Carbon, and Arc	2.00	3.75	2.35
 <u>Office Employees</u>			
Bookkeeper or Accounting Clerk	\$1.75	\$2.25	\$1.80
Chief Clerk	1.70	2.20	1.75
Draftsman	2.00	2.70	2.10
File Clerk	1.60		1.70
Key Punch Operator	1.60	1.85	1.70
Receptionist	1.60	1.95	1.70
Secretary	1.75	2.25	1.80
Stenographer	1.75	2.25	2.00
Tabulating Machine Operator	1.60	1.75	1.65
Telephone Operator	1.60	1.75	1.65



### Labor Supply

There is an estimated current labor supply of 5,800 men and 5,100 women in the Ohio County labor market area. By 1974, this number should be increased by some 9,231 young men and 9,079 young women who will have become 18 or older during the intervening five-year period. The current labor supply includes estimates of unemployed, underemployed, and persons who would enter the labor force if jobs were made available.

TABLE 4

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY -  
OHIO COUNTY LABOR MARKET AREA 6/

County	July, 1968			Future Labor Supply by 1974		
	Current Labor Supply			(Becoming 18 Years of Age)		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Ohio	2,000	1,100	900	1,698	878	820
Breckinridge	1,300	600	700	1,598	813	785
Butler	1,200	800	400	984	471	513
Daviess	1,000	700	300	8,051	4,060	3,991
Grayson	1,800	1,000	800	1,708	853	855
Hancock	600	300	300	547	281	266
McLean	1,000	400	600	909	452	457
Muhlenberg	2,000	900	1,100	2,815	1,423	1,392
Total	10,900	5,800	5,100	18,310	9,231	9,079

### Income and Sales

Ohio County's 1967 effective buying income was \$27,877,000, or an average of \$5,162 effective buying income per household. 36.6 percent of all Ohio County households fall into the \$5,000 or above category. Retail sales for 1967 totaled \$19,103,000. 7/

## EDUCATION

The educational system within the Ohio County labor market area has the facilities to produce an effective labor force for future industrial growth.

### Elementary and High School

The Ohio County School System is comprised of two high schools and ten elementary schools. At the opening of the 1968-69 school year, a total of 4,131 students were enrolled, and the system employed 152 teachers, or a ratio of one teacher to every 27 students.

Special classes offered include remedial reading and extensive vocational education course offerings. Five guidance counselors, five librarians, and six remedial reading teachers are utilized throughout the system.

In addition to the 152 teachers employed, the system employs 194 professional employees and 135 non-professional employees. Bonded indebtedness as of June 30, 1968, was \$1,326,000.

Several new elementary and junior high schools are presently in the planning stage along with a vocational education center. Renovation of several elementary schools is scheduled.

The Ohio County School System's 1967-68 budget totaled \$1,840,000.

TABLE 5

SCHOOLS, ENROLLMENT, NUMBER OF TEACHERS, STUDENT-  
TEACHER RATIO IN BEAVER DAM, HARTFORD,  
OHIO COUNTY, 1967-1968 <sup>8/</sup>

School	Grades	Enrollment	No. of Teachers	Student-Teacher Ratio
Beaver Dam Elementary	1- 8	623	23.3	27-1
Centertown Elementary	1- 8	299	14.6	19-1
Central Park Elementary	1- 8	260	11.5	21-1
Cromwell Elementary	1- 8	195	8.6	21-1
Dundee Elementary	1- 8	131	8.7	14-1
Hartford Elementary	6- 8	273	11.8	22-1
Horse Branch Elementary	1- 8	348	15.2	23-1
Pleasant Ridge Elementary	1- 8	130	5.6	21-1
Wayland Alexander Elementary	1- 5	370	11.7	30-1
Fordsville High	1-12	502	21.5	22-1
Ohio County High	9-12	1,000	50.1	20-1



### Vocational Schools

Ohio County is served by the Owensboro Area Vocational-Technical School located in Owensboro, Kentucky, 26 miles from Hartford. Trade, industrial education and professional courses offered include: auto mechanics, drafting, machine shop, printing, radio and television arts, carpentry and woodworking, cosmetology and various courses in vocational business skills. Trade preparatory courses generally are of two years duration. There are also shorter unit courses available which are designed to assist employed workers in upgrading their skills and abilities.

A vocational education facility for Ohio County is presently under construction.

### Colleges

Brescia College and Kentucky Wesleyan College, both four-year fully-accredited institutions, are located in Owensboro, Kentucky, which is 26 miles from the Hartford and Beaver Dam area. Kentucky Wesleyan is a Methodist-affiliated institution while Brescia is a Roman Catholic affiliate.

Another outstanding educational facility in the area is Western Kentucky University, located in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Bowling Green is approximately 45 miles from Hartford and easily accessible by way of US 231.

Other colleges in the area and their approximate distances from the Hartford-Beaver Dam area are: Evansville University, Evansville, Indiana (62 miles); Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky (126 miles); Hopkinsville Community College, Hopkinsville, Kentucky (58 miles); Elizabethtown Community College, Elizabethtown, Kentucky (65 miles); Madisonville Community College, Madisonville, Kentucky (40 miles).

## TRANSPORTATION

### Rail

Ohio County is served by two major rail lines: The Louisville & Nashville Railroad serves Hartford and Centertown daily while the Illinois Central passes through Beaver Dam, Rockport, Fordsville and McHenry, and serves Beaver Dam with two daily freights. There are six and eight through freights daily on the Illinois Central and Louisville & Nashville, respectively. Sidings for fifty cars are available on the Illinois Central line while the Louisville & Nashville provides sidings for approximately fourteen cars. Both lines offer switching service.

Hartford is served daily out of the Owensboro terminal of REA Express. Beaver Dam deliveries can be picked up at the REA's Hartford office.

TABLE 6

#### RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM BEAVER DAM AND HARTFORD TO: 9/

No. of Hours		No. of Hours	
City	CL	City	CL
Atlanta, Ga.	4	Louisville, Ky.	1
Birmingham, Ala.	2	Los Angeles, Calif.	7
Chicago, Ill.	2	Nashville, Tenn.	2
Cincinnati, Ohio	3	New Orleans, La.	2
Cleveland, Ohio	3	New York, New York	5
Detroit, Mich.	5	Pittsburgh, Pa.	5
Knoxville, Tenn.	3	St. Louis, Mo.	3

### Highways

The modern four-lane Western Kentucky Parkway, with an interchange 2 miles from Beaver Dam, passes through the southcentral portion of Ohio County and connects the county with extensive interstate highway systems which provide easy access to many of the country's major market areas.



In addition to this excellent four-lane facility, Ohio County is served by US Highway 231, which interchanges with the Western Kentucky Parkway near Beaver Dam and Hartford, and US Highway 62, which interchanges with US Highway 231 between Beaver Dam and Hartford. Ohio County is also served by a network of eleven excellent Kentucky highways which link all portions of the county. These Kentucky highways are: 54, 69, 85, 136, 176, 261, 269, 369, 505, 764, and 1544.

The Kentucky Turnpike Authority recently approved the construction of two parkways to Owensboro. One parkway will connect Bowling Green and Owensboro and pass directly through Ohio County. The second turnpike will connect Owensboro and Henderson.

Truck Service: The following trucking firms serve Beaver Dam and Hartford:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Home Office</u>
Majors Truck Line	Caneyville, Kentucky
Denver-Chicago Trucking Company (now operating as DC International, Inc.)	Denver, Colorado
Hayes Freight Lines	Clarksville, Tennessee

The services of United Parcel Service are also available in Ohio County.

TABLE 7

HIGHWAY MILES AND TRUCK TRANSIT TIME FROM BEAVER DAM  
AND HARTFORD, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time (Days) <sup>10/</sup>		City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time (Days)	
		TL				Miles	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	367	3		Louisville, Ky.	110	Overnight	
Birmingham, Ala.	330	3		Los Angeles, Calif	2,079	6	
Chicago, Ill.	354	2		Nashville, Tenn.	110	2	
Cincinnati, Ohio	215	2		New Orleans, La.	610	4	
Cleveland, Ohio	454	2		New York, N. Y.	885	4	
Detroit, Mich.	483	3		Pittsburgh, Pa.	520	3	
Knoxville, Tenn.	268	3		St. Louis, Mo.	238	2	

## Air

The Owensboro-Daviess County Airport, located 3 miles west of downtown Owensboro and 26 miles from Hartford, serves the Ohio County area. US Highway 231 linking Hartford and Beaver Dam with Owensboro is an excellent facility and makes the air service offered in Owensboro easily accessible. Ozark Airlines offers daily scheduled commercial flights to and from Owensboro. A small-craft, paved landing strip is planned for Ohio County.

The Ohio County area is also served by the Dress Memorial Airport in Evansville, Indiana. Delta and Piedmont Airlines serve Dress Memorial with daily commercial jet flights.

## Water

A 9-foot navigation channel is maintained in the Green River for 103 miles and a 5.5-foot navigation channel is maintained for an additional 95 miles. A portion of the river with the 9-foot channel passes through Rockport in Ohio County.

The nearest commercial terminal is the Owensboro River-Rail Terminal on the Ohio River at Owensboro. This terminal offers excellent facilities for transferring all types of dry commodities to and from barge, rail or truck.

## Other Transportation Services

There are three independent taxicab companies operating in Ohio County and 24-hour service is available. Limited rental car and truck service is available with more extensive service being offered in Owensboro. U-Haul representatives are located throughout the county.

The Fuqua Bus Lines, operating between Owensboro and Bowling Green, has four daily runs, two north and two south, through Ohio County.

Trailway Bus Lines operates six daily runs, three east and three west, between Louisville and Paducah with various stops in Ohio County.



## POWER AND FUEL

### Electricity

Ohio County is served by the Kentucky Utilities Company and five Rural Electric Cooperatives.

Hartford, Beaver Dam, Rockport, and Centertown are served by the Kentucky Utilities Company. KU provides electric service for 78 Kentucky counties and serves approximately 3,000 customers in Ohio County. Through its 6 regionally located generating stations, KU has a seasonal generating capacity ranging between 705,000 and 740,000 KW and can, through its various interconnections with other major generating sources, provide a means of interchanging substantial blocks of electrical power. KU maintains an excellent Industrial Relations Department at its Lexington office and either that office or the Kentucky Department of Commerce will, upon request, furnish Kentucky Utilities Company industrial rates.

The Meade County RECC, whose power source is the Louisville Gas & Electric Company, serves a five-county area including 837 customers in Ohio County. For rate schedules, the General Office, Brandenburg, Kentucky, may be contacted.

The Green River RECC operates in six counties and serves 1,689 customers in Ohio County. The Big Rivers RECC can furnish low-cost firm power to 128,000 KW. A second generating station, the 340,000 KW Kenneth C. Coleman power station, located near Hawesville, Kentucky, is to begin operations in July 1969. For rate information contact the Green River RECC, 1003 Allen Street, Owensboro, Kentucky.

Big Rivers is also the power source for the Henderson-Union RECC which serves a small number of customers in Ohio County.

The Warren RECC provides electric service in eight counties, including 1,600 customers in Ohio County. The Warren RECC's source of power is the TVA whose Paradise Steam Plant, located on the Ohio-Muhlenberg County line, has a 2,558,000 KW capacity. Rates for industry will be furnished by the corporation in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Also purchasing power from the TVA and serving a limited number of Ohio County customers is the Pennyryle RECC whose central office is located in Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

## Natural Gas

The Western Kentucky Gas Company serves Hartford and Beaver Dam with natural gas. A 4-inch high pressure pipeline connects with a 26-inch Texas Gas Transmission line to supply gas of .60 specific gravity to this Ohio County area. The BTU content per cubic foot is 1,040. Distribution lines serving the community are 4, 2, and 1 1/4 inches with pressure maintained at 30 psi. Rates are as follows:

### General Service Rate 1:

First	1,000 cu. ft. or less per month	\$1.50
Next	2,000 cu. ft. per month	.0895 per 100 cu. ft.
Next	7,000 cu. ft. per month	.0715 per 100 cu. ft.
Next	40,000 cu. ft. per month	.0655 per 100 cu. ft.
All additional	cu. ft. per month	.0585 per 100 cu. ft.

### Rate 3-A:

Gas service under this rate is available only to customers who require and contract for not less than 100,000 cubic feet per day, or 24,000,000 cubic feet per year. Service may be 100 percent interruptible, or 100 percent firm, or a combination of the two. The cost shall be:

### Interruptible Service

First	2,000,000 cu. ft. per month	\$950.00
Next	2,000,000 cu. ft. per month	44.5¢ per M cu. ft.
Next	2,000,000 cu. ft. per month	42.5¢ per M cu. ft.
All additional	cu. ft. per month	36.5¢ per M cu. ft.

Minimum Charge: \$950.00 per meter per month.

If additional information is needed, contact the Industrial Development Department, Western Kentucky Gas Company, Owensboro, Kentucky.

## Coal

Ohio County is located in the heart of the Western Kentucky Coal Field and the coals located there are of a high-grade bituminous rating. The No. 9 coal seam is the most important seam worked.

A representative delivery rate per ton to Owensboro, Kentucky, which is 26 miles from Hartford, is as follows: 11/

<u>Point of Origin</u>	<u>Type of Coal</u>	<u>Freight Delivery (Cost per Ton)</u>
Western Kentucky	Industrial and Domestic	\$1.37



### Liquified Petroleum

Liquified petroleum is available throughout Ohio County.

### Oil Refineries

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 Beaver Dam Water and Sewer Company obtains its water from the recently completed Ohio County Water District whose source of supply is the Green River. Statistics for this new county system are: Capacity - 1,000,000 gallons; peak daily use - 625,000 gallons; average daily use - 375,000 gallons; storage facilities include three elevated tanks with a total capacity of 425,000 gallons; distribution lines range from 3 to 10 inches with pressure up to 85 psi. Water is treated by pre-chlorination, soda ash, alum, coagulation, settling, filtration, post chlorination and lime feed.

The Beaver Dam system exercises a peak demand of 280,000 gpd and an average daily use of 250,000 gallons on the county system. Storage facilities include a 75,000-gallon standpipe and a 250,000-gallon standpipe. Water is distributed in mains ranging from 1 1/4 to 8 inches in diameter. Pressure ranges from 55 to 85 psi.

Rates are: (Ohio County Water District, Inc.)

First	2,000 Gallons	\$4.00 (Minimum)
Next	8,000 Gallons	1.20 Per M Gallons
Next	10,000 Gallons	1.00 Per M Gallons
Next	30,000 Gallons	.70 Per M Gallons
Next	50,000 Gallons	.60 Per M Gallons
Next	100,000 Gallons	.40 Per M Gallons
Next	800,000 Gallons	.30 Per M Gallons
All over	1,000,000 Gallons	.25 Per M Gallons

#### Beaver Dam

First	2,000 Gallons	\$2.50 (Minimum)
Next	3,000 Gallons	.95 Per M Gallons
Next	5,000 Gallons	.85 Per M Gallons
Next	15,000 Gallons	.70 Per M Gallons
Next	25,000 Gallons	.60 Per M Gallons
All over	50,000 Gallons	.55 Per M Gallons

Hartford is supplied water by the Hartford Municipal Water Works and Sewer Company, whose source of supply is the Rough River. Treatment plant capacity is 500,000 gpd, with a peak daily demand of 378,000 gallons and an average use of 244,200 gpd. Raw water is treated with alum, lime, settling, filtration, chlorination, fluoridation and copper sulfate.



Storage facilities consist of a 125,000-gallon standpipe and a 75,000-gallon standpipe. Storage is also accomplished by a new 100,000-gallon settling basin and a 100,000-gallon clear well. Water is distributed through 2-, 4-, 6-, and 8-inch mains at a pressure of 72 psi.

Quarterly Rates:

First	10,500 Gallons	\$7.35 (Minimum)
Next	6,000 Gallons	.70 Per M Gallons
Next	6,000 Gallons	.60 Per M Gallons
All over	22,500 Gallons	.50 Per M Gallons

The Centertown Water System, recently completed at a cost of more than \$150,000, obtains its water from the Hartford Municipal Water Works. Centertown has a peak capacity of 72,000 gallons with an average daily use of 48,000 gallons. Distribution is accomplished through 3- to 6-inch water mains at a pressure of 65 to 72 psi. Storage is facilitated through a 60,000-gallon elevated tank.

Centertown Water System Rates:

	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Per M Gallons</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Minimum</u>
First	2,000	\$2.00	5/8-inch	\$ 4.00
Next	2,000	1.75	3/4-inch	4.75
Next	2,000	1.50	1-inch	8.00
Next	4,000	1.25	1 1/2-inch	10.00
Next	5,000	.90	2-inch	15.00
Next	5,000	.80	3-inch	30.00
Next	5,000	.70	4-inch	65.00
Next	5,000	.60		
All over	35,000	.50		

The source of supply for the Rockport Water Works' 200,000 gpd treatment plant is the Green River. Treatment involves lime, alum, filtration, chlorination, fluoridation and copper sulfate. Peak daily use has been approximately 60,000 gallons with an average daily use of approximately 50,000 gallons. A 55,000-gallon standpipe is utilized for storage and there are 160 metered customers on the system.

Sewerage

The Beaver Dam Water and Sewer Company operates the Beaver Dam disposal plant. Sewage is treated by the lagooning method and effluent is eventually released into the Rough River. Capacity of the system is 800 gallons per minute and it is presently operating at approximately 75 percent capacity through mains of 8 and 10 inches. The lagooning method was

recently incorporated into the Beaver Dam sewer system at a cost of \$400,000 to replace the primary and secondary method of treatment previously used. A new disposal plant is now operating in accordance with system specifications.

Beaver Dam sewerage rates are 50 percent of the existing Beaver Dam water rates.

Centertown, Fordsville, and Rockport dispose of sewage by means of individually owned septic tanks.

The Hartford Municipal Water Works and Sewer Company treats its sewage by the lagooning method with discharge into the Rough River. Sewerage rates per quarter are \$6 for the first 10,500 gallons of water used and 4 cents per 100 gallons of water used over 10,500 up to \$24. Average flow of the system is 135 gpm. An expansion of the original sewerage facility was completed in 1964 at a cost of nearly \$117,000.



## AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

### Agriculture

The approximate total land area of Ohio County is 381,440 acres, with 51.5 percent of the area devoted to farm land. In 1964, there were 1,625 farms in the county, with an average size of 121 acres.

Farm income in the county is largely from the production of crops, principally tobacco, supplemented by cattle, hogs, and dairy products. The 1964 value of sales of all farm products totaled \$4,588,209, averaging \$2,824 per farm. Crop sales totaled \$2,830,673; livestock and livestock products totaled \$1,756,916.

In 1966, agricultural production in Ohio County included 2.5 million pounds of burley tobacco, 550,000 pounds of dark air-cured tobacco, 1.0 million bushels of corn, and 400,000 bushels of soybeans. Livestock on farms on January 1, 1967, included 25,500 cattle and calves, and 15,800 hogs and pigs. Milk cows on farms during 1965 averaged 1,700 head, with milk production for the year totaling 7.9 million pounds.

### Mineral Resources

The principal mineral resources of Ohio County consist of coal, petroleum, and limestone. Transported and residual clay deposits suitable for the manufacture of ordinary brick and tile are found; however, reserves have not been established. Small amounts of natural gas have been secured in conjunction with oil drilling.

The coals of Ohio County, like those of the remainder of the Western Kentucky Coal Field, are bituminous. The No. 9 coal is the most important seam worked.

The oil producing areas for the most part are located in the northern portion of the county. Production is chiefly from the Upper Mississippian pays at shallow to medium depths. Oil production contributes a large portion of the mineral income of the county.

### Water Resources

The largest source of surface water is from the Green and Rough Rivers. Other sources are from impounded small streams.

The occurrence of ground water is from the rocks of the Pennsylvanian System. This has been summarized as follows:

"Where conglomerate, sandstone, or siltstone crops out, it yields enough water for domestic use to most drilled wells. Some wells yield 100 to 500 gpm for public and industrial supplies."

Because of local variations the above conditions may not apply to any given locality but should serve only as a guide to general ground water conditions in this system.

### Forests

There are 194,800 acres of commercial forest land in Ohio County, covering 51.1 percent of the total land area. The most abundant species are red oaks, white oaks, hickories, sweetgum, yellow poplar, beech, and hard maple.

In Kentucky, within a 50-mile radius of Hartford, there are 1,664,000 acres of commercial forest land. In 1962, 155 million board feet of timber were harvested from this area. While some of the timber harvest is used locally, much 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

The climate of Ohio County is moderate and marked by the lack of extremes and severe changes. The average yearly temperature ranges from 34.1° to 78.8° F with maximum monthly temperature ranges from 42.0° to 88.8° F and normal monthly minimum temperature ranges from 26.1° to 68.8° F.

The average yearly precipitation is 42.02 inches with periods of heaviest rainfall occurring in the months of March and May.

Snowfall is heaviest during the months of December, January, and February, and is usually of short duration.

In an average year there are fourteen days with fog.

Prevailing winds are south-southwest.



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Structure

Hartford and Beaver Dam are governed under the mayor-council form of government. The mayor is elected to a four-year term while councilmen are elected every two years.

Fordsville and Centertown are governed by five-member Boards of Trustees whose members are elected every two years.

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

### Finance

The City of Hartford for the year ending June 30, 1968, had a general income of \$41,558.64 while expenditures totaled \$35,327.96. The city's outstanding bonded indebtedness is approximately \$193,000 in industrial revenue and water and sewer bonds.

For a 12-month period ending June 30, 1968, Beaver Dam had a general income of \$86,920.90 and expenditures totaling \$85,656.65. Beaver Dam has no bonded indebtedness.

Ohio County's estimated budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, is \$163,000. The county's outstanding bonded indebtedness as of June 30, 1968, was \$88,000. Outstanding school bonded indebtedness as of June 30, 1968, was \$1,326,000.

### Taxes

Property taxes serve as the major income source for Hartford, Beaver Dam and Ohio 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 1967 was:

<u>Major Classes of Property</u>	<u>Hartford</u>	<u>Beaver Dam</u>	<u>Ohio County</u>
Real Estate	\$5,145,520	\$7,311,319	\$58,606,639
Tangibles	1,376,630	2,113,472	18,521,150
Public Service	586,722	692,252	11,697,221





OHIO COUNTY COURTHOUSE



TABLE 8

PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE  
FOR BEAVER DAM, HARTFORD AND OHIO COUNTY, 1967 <sup>12/</sup>

Taxing Unit	Beaver Dam	Hartford	Ohio County
State	\$ .015	\$ .015	\$ .015
County	.191	.191	.191
School	.444	.444	.444
City	<u>.350</u>	<u>.300</u>	<u>          </u>
Total	\$1.000	\$ .950	\$ .650

Both Beaver Dam and Hartford require business and occupational licenses. Fees vary according to business or occupation with fees ranging from \$10.50 to \$100.

#### Planning and Zoning

Planning and zoning is in effect in Beaver Dam. The city planning commission has completed an existing land use map, a base map, and has adopted codes.

In 1966, the following plans were put into use in Hartford: base map, existing land use map, single document plan, zoning ordinance and subdivision plan.

#### Building Codes

Copies of existing building codes are on file in the city clerk's offices in Hartford and Beaver Dam.

#### Safety

Fire: Beaver Dam, with a Class-7 American Insurance Association fire rating, has a 30-member volunteer fire department. Equipment includes one 750-gpm pumper truck, one 500-gpm pumper truck and a tank truck.

The Hartford Volunteer Fire Department is composed of 25 members and equipped with a 500-gpm pumper, a 750-gpm pumper and an emergency truck. Hartford has a Class-7 American Insurance Association fire rating.

The Centertown Volunteer Fire Department is composed of 7 members and equipped with one tank and two pumper trucks.

Fordsville also has a volunteer fire department composed of 10 volunteers and equipped with one tank truck. Fordsville recently erected a modern fire station at a cost of nearly \$15,000.

Police: Beaver Dam retains a radio dispatcher and two patrolmen who utilize a city-owned, radio-equipped cruiser.

Hartford is provided police protection by two policemen who use their own automobiles. One car is equipped with a radio which is furnished by the city.

Centertown and Fordsville have town marshals.

The Ohio County Sheriff's Office is located in Hartford and is staffed by a sheriff and four deputies who utilize two radio-equipped patrol cars which are capable of interconnecting with the state police and law enforcement units in surrounding areas. A radio dispatcher is also on duty.

There are three Kentucky State Police units based in Ohio County.

#### Civil Defense

Civil Defense activities are conducted by the Ohio County Rescue Squad. This well-trained and equipped unit is composed of 12 members. Equipment includes a first-aid and rescue mobile unit, skin diving and emergency power equipment.

The Ohio County Rescue Squad serves Ohio County and surrounding counties when called upon. It also serves as the Civil Defense branch office for the Ohio County area.

#### Sanitation

Garbage is collected twice weekly by private contractor in the Hartford and Beaver Dam residential areas. There are three business district pickups weekly in both communities and all refuse is disposed of in municipally owned dumps. Rates for residential service are \$2 per month and business district service is negotiated.

Residents of Centertown and Fordsville dispose of refuse on an individual basis.

## HEALTH

### Hospitals

Ohio County is served by the Ohio County Hospital located in Hartford. This facility provides 48 beds and 31 intensive care units. There are 10 bassinets provided and one operating room.

The staff consists of five doctors, 12 registered nurses, 15 licensed practical nurses, 2 laboratory technicians and 2 X-ray technicians.

Other facilities at the hospital include general care, emergency room, surgery, obstetrics, X-ray and laboratory.

### Nursing Homes

There are four nursing home facilities with beds for 224 located in Ohio County. Listed below are the names, localities and capacities of these nursing homes.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Professional Care Home	Hartford	72
Hagemans Rest Home	Hartford	22
Ohio County Rest Home	Beaver Dam	73
Golden Years Rest Home	Fordsville	57

The Golden Years Rest Home in Fordsville plans to expand its facilities from 57 to 73 beds in the near future. All facilities are kept up to date and undergo periodic remodeling and renovation.

### Public Health

The Ohio County Health Department is located in Hartford and operated on a 1968 budget of \$31,018.68. The health department staff consists of one full-time nurse, one full-time sanitation inspector and one full-time clerk-typist. Major services provided by the health department are pre-school health, communicable disease prevention and control, crippled children's program, sanitation, tuberculosis and venereal disease control, dental health, maternal and child care, chronic diseases, mental health, laboratory and general public health services.





OHIO COUNTY HOSPITAL



## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Housing

In Hartford and Beaver Dam there are a limited number of houses and apartments for rent. Approximate rental costs for a three-bedroom, 1 1/2-bath, unfurnished house run from \$75 to \$100 per month. Construction costs for a three-bedroom, 1 1/2-bath, brick veneer house are approximately \$15,000 to \$16,000.

Several new subdivisions have been or are in the process of being developed. Building lots and some houses are available in most of these developments.

The following is a list of subdivisions with the approximate number of lots available.

<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Lots Available</u>
Carlisle (Hartford)	20
Iron Mountain Estates (Hartford)	120
Rolling Hills (Beaver Dam)	5
Rolling Acres (Beaver Dam)	15
Sunset (Beaver Dam)	10
Wells Subdivision (Hartford)	15
Willowbrook (Beaver Dam)	30
Twin Hills (Beaver Dam)	40
Green Meadow Estates (Beaver Dam)	45

Conventional, FHA and VA home financing is available in Ohio County.

### Communication

Telephone: South Central Bell Telephone Company serves 4,950 customers in Ohio County through a dial system. Service within the county is toll-free. The system is not equipped for Direct Distance Dialing.

Telegraph: There is a Western Union office in Beaver Dam, and in Hartford telegraph messages will be relayed by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Service.

Postal: Ohio County is served by second-class facilities in Hartford and Beaver Dam; third-class facilities in Fordsville, Centertown and four other communities; and fourth-class facilities in six towns.

The Hartford post office is staffed by ten employees and mail is received and dispatched five times daily. There are two city pickups and one city delivery daily. Postal receipts for 1967-68 were \$47,481.70.

The Beaver Dam postal facility has 22 employees and mail is received 6 times and dispatched 4 times daily. There are two pickups and one delivery daily. Postal receipts totaled \$51,665.09 for 1967-68.

Rural deliveries in Ohio County are accomplished by five rural routes and four star routes. Hartford has three rural routes and Beaver Dam has two rural routes and four star routes.

Newspapers: Local papers available in Ohio County are the Ohio County News, the Ohio County Times, and the Ohio County Messenger. The News and Times are published in Hartford while the Messenger is published in Beaver Dam. All three are weekly publications. All parts of Ohio County receive daily papers from Owensboro and Louisville.

Radio: Ohio County does not have a locally operated radio station at present. A broadcasting facility is planned for the Hartford area in the near future. However, radio reception is available from stations in Central City, Louisville, Owensboro, Henderson, Madisonville, and Bowling Green, Kentucky, and Evansville, Indiana.

Television: Television reception is excellent through the use of outside antennas and by UHF conversion. Residents of Ohio County enjoy programs beamed from three Nashville, Tennessee; three Evansville, Indiana; and Bowling Green and Paducah, Kentucky, television stations. Cable service for Ohio County is under consideration and all major networks are presently represented.

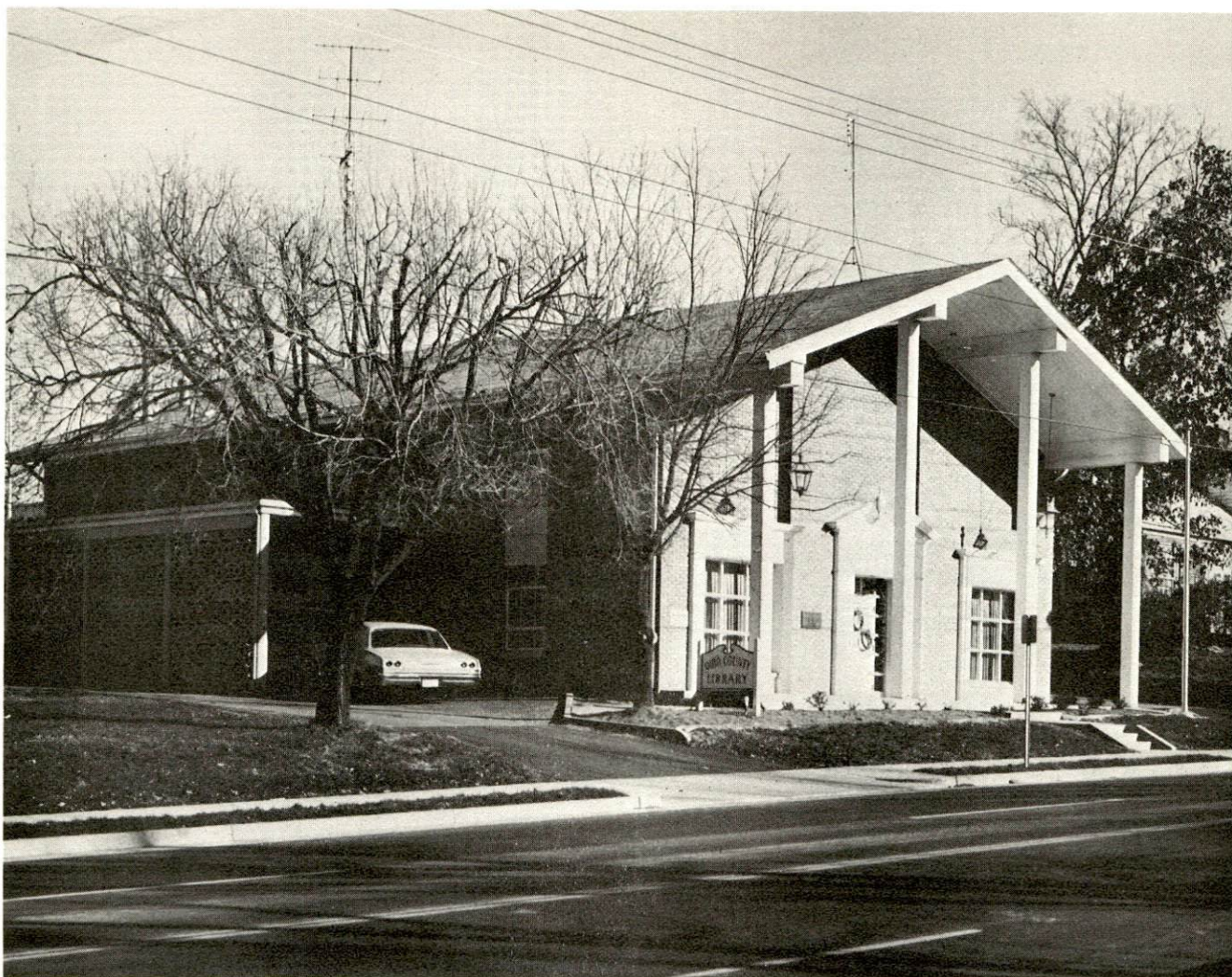
### Libraries

Ohio County is served by the Ohio County Library which is located in an excellent, well-equipped modern facility in Hartford. This library is the headquarters for the five-county Green River Regional Library and has in excess of 18,000 volumes. The combined library-bookmobile circulation is approximately 92,000. This library is open Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. and Monday and Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p. m. Magazines, films, records, tapes and paintings are also available. In addition, special services include a "Story Hour," art classes and theater productions.

### Churches

Ohio County has a large number of churches representing the following denominations: Baptist, Catholic, Methodist, Christian, Church of Christ, Presbyterian, Full Gospel Church, and the Church of God.





OHIO COUNTY LIBRARY



HARTFORD CHRISTIAN CHURCH



## Financial Institutions

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Statement as of September 30, 1968</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Beaver Dam Deposit Bank	\$8,826,322.25	\$7,956,498.58
The Hartford Bank	7,368,704.61	6,718,242.11
Bank of Dundee	1,844,361.76	1,589,387.59
Bank of Fordsville	1,494,000.00	1,280,000.00

### Savings & Loan Association

Ohio County Federal Savings & Loan Association	\$3,650,923.67
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## Hotels and Motels

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rooms or Units</u>
Daniels Mototel, Beaver Dam	24
Colonial Motel, Beaver Dam	10
Hartford Motel, Hartford	11

## Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic: Chamber of Commerce, Lions, Jaycees, Ohio County Medical Society, Ohio County Ministerial Association, and Red Cross Chapter

Fraternal: American Legion, Masonic Lodge, Shrine, VFW, and Woodsmen of the World

Women's: Woman's Club, DAR, Eastern Star, Homemakers, and American Legion Auxiliary

Youth: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, FFA, FHA, 4-H, FTA, FBLA, and Little League

In addition, Ohio County has the Ohio County Fish & Game Club, Ohio County Saddle Club, and Ohio County Country Club.

## Recreation

Local: Hartford has a municipal swimming pool, lighted athletic fields, tennis and croquet courts. Fishing and camping may be enjoyed on the Hartford-owned four-acre tract on which is situated the old Rough River lock and dam.



Beaver Dam has a five-acre park with a lighted athletic field, picnic grounds, and recreational area. A modern bowling alley is also located in Beaver Dam.

Located on the school grounds of both Rockport and Centertown are lighted athletic fields and tennis and croquet courts. Fordsville has a lighted athletic field.

The Ohio County Fairgrounds, home of the annual Ohio County Fair and Horse Show, has a show ring with bleachers, two agricultural exhibit buildings, merchants building, two stock pavilions, an office building and 30 acres of park and picnic grounds.

Lake Washburn, a state lake, located approximately 5 miles north of Hartford, has facilities for boating, fishing, swimming, picnicking, camping and cabin sites.

The Ohio County Country Club, located approximately 2 miles north of Hartford, has an excellent 9-hole golf course, clubhouse and fishing lake.

Silver Beach, a privately-owned swimming lake and picnic area, located approximately 5 miles north of Hartford, is open to the public.

In Ohio County there are two movie theaters, one an indoor facility and the other an outdoor theater.

In addition, Ohio County has the Ohio County Baseball League, Junior League softball, and several bowling leagues.

Area: Rough River Dam State Park, located approximately 30 miles northeast of Hartford, provides boating, swimming, fishing, and camping. A 25-room lodge is located near the dam. Also, an airport with a 3,000-foot paved runway is maintained on the park property.

Pennyrile Forest State Park is approximately 65 miles from Hartford on Kentucky Route 109. This park is situated in the heart of the 15,000-acre Pennyrile Forest. A 56-acre lake is located near the center of the park and excellent fishing, boating, and swimming facilities are available. Other facilities provide for horseback riding, hiking, picnicking and camping. Modern cottages, motel units, and dining facilities are also available.

Kentucky Lake and Kentucky Dam Village, 95 miles from Hartford via the modern Western Kentucky Parkway, offers boating, fishing, swimming, camping and lodge and dining facilities.

Barkley Lake offers another excellent recreational area approximately 80 miles from Ohio County. Water sports, camping and a multitude of recreational facilities are available in the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, that area lying between Barkley and Kentucky Lakes.

Mammoth Cave National Park, one of the country's outstanding recreational areas, is less than 60 miles from Ohio County and easily accessible by way of the Western Kentucky Parkway or other more direct secondary routes.

Other recreational facilities in the area include Lake Malone State Park just south of Ohio County.

Racing: Both trotting and thoroughbred racing are available in the Evansville, Indiana - Henderson, Kentucky area approximately 62 miles from Hartford and easily accessible via US Highways 231 and 60.

College Sports: Kentucky Wesleyan College, located in Owensboro, has over the years demonstrated marked superiority in small college basketball.

The University of Evansville, only 62 miles from Hartford, has also provided outstanding basketball competition and served as a major opposition to Kentucky Wesleyan's championship teams. Evansville also has an excellent small college football program along with swimming, baseball, tennis, track and golf.

Another outstanding all around intercollegiate athletics program can be found at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, approximately 45 miles from Ohio County. All facets of college athletics competition may be enjoyed.

Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky, also has a complete college sports program and offers competition in all areas of intercollegiate athletics. Western and Murray are arch rivals in such sports as football, basketball, and track. Both institutions are presently upgrading their entire athletics program and facilities. Western recently constructed a modern basketball arena and football stadium and Murray, too, is expanding its facilities.



## Community Improvements

Public: New Hartford Christian Church, modern 72-bed Professional Care Home, installation of a modern water and sewer system for Beaver Dam, \$356,000 Hartford road and street improvements; similar development scheduled for Beaver Dam, new Centertown post office, Centertown water system recently completed, improvements to Hartford water and sewer systems, Fordsville rest home completed, new Fordsville city hall and fire station, 14 miles of road improvements on US Highway 231 in Ohio County, natural gas system for Fordsville.

Business and Industrial: New Hartford branch bank, three new apartment buildings with 16 units, remodeled and expanded Beaver Dam Deposit Bank, new Hartford mortuary, Beaver Dam office building, new Kentucky Utilities office in Hartford, new scenic view restaurant, three new buildings completed in Embury Valley Shopping Center in Beaver Dam.

Other: Hartford Medical Arts Building, \$100,000 Ohio County Country Club improvements, Ohio County high school stadium and athletic field partially completed.

Planned: Vocational training building at Ohio County High, Ohio County small craft airport, Hartford radio station, construction of 175-acre lake and recreational area.

## HISTORY

Ohio County became Kentucky's 35th county in 1798 and was created from a portion of Hardin County. The county was named for the beautiful Ohio River which, before Daviess and Hancock Counties were created from its northern areas, formed Ohio County's northern border. Located in the midwestern section of the state, Ohio County is drained principally by the Green River, which forms most of its southern border; the Rough River, which flows from the northeast to the southwest in the central part of the county; the South (East) Fork of Panther Creek, located in the northern section; and Caney Creek, which runs along the eastern border into the Rough River.

In the past the county has produced excellent crops of corn, tobacco, oats, potatoes, clover and other grasses. It contains a heavy amount of timber of a superior quality, and iron ore and coal have been found extensively also. Oil was discovered in Ohio County in 1912 in a deep well about 4 miles east of Hartford. This well became the first profitable well in western Kentucky. At various times since then Ohio County has ranked first in the state as an oil producing county.

Hartford, located on the bank of the Rough River, which flows west to join with the Green River, became the county seat of the county. At an elevation of 425 feet, it is surrounded by hills which rise from 650 to 700 feet above it. Hartford is located approximately 110 miles from Louisville and 160 from Frankfort. Founded in 1790, it was originally named Deer Crossing, and then later became known as "Hart-ford." In 1808, it was incorporated, and by 1840, with a population of 400, consisted of a brick courthouse, eight other county buildings, two churches, six lawyers, six physicians, two taverns, fifteen stores and groceries, and ten mechanic shops.

Today, Hartford is a fifth-class city, and had a 1960 population of 1,618 which represented a three percent growth from 1950.

Beaver Dam, today the largest city of Ohio County, was described in 1870 as having a blacksmith shop, Baptist Church, railroad depot, drug store, general store, hotel and livery stable. By 1938, Beaver Dam had a population of 1,036, and had become an important mining center for the Western Kentucky Coal Field. Today, Beaver Dam is a fifth-class city, with a 1960 population of 1,648, which represented a 22 percent increase from 1950.



The sixth-class cities of Ohio County include: Centertown, with a 1960 population of 327; Fordsville, with a population of 524; McHenry, 446; and Rockport, 396.

In 1800, Ohio County had a population of 1,223; in 1850, 9,749; and in 1870, 15,561. In 1846, the valuation of taxable property in the county was \$1,280,237; the number of acres of land in the county was 309,630; and the average value of land per acre was \$2.08. In 1870, the valuation of taxable property had increased to \$3,343,006; the number of acres of land to 335,192; and the average value of land per acre was \$6.48.

Among the many beauties of Ohio County is the Green River, with its slow-flowing and deeply-colored water. It can be navigated for some distance by boat, due to a constant five-foot channel that is made possible by several locks and dams. Along the stream have been found Indian shell mounds of a type which are exceedingly rare in Kentucky.

Today, Ohio County's location near several excellent market centers and metropolitan areas, and its accessibility to others by way of an excellent and developing system of highways and waterways marks it as a prime area for economic growth. The population growth trend and the ready availability of a recruitable labor force, and the progressive attitude of the citizens of Ohio County, mark this county's dynamic industrial growth and development potential.

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