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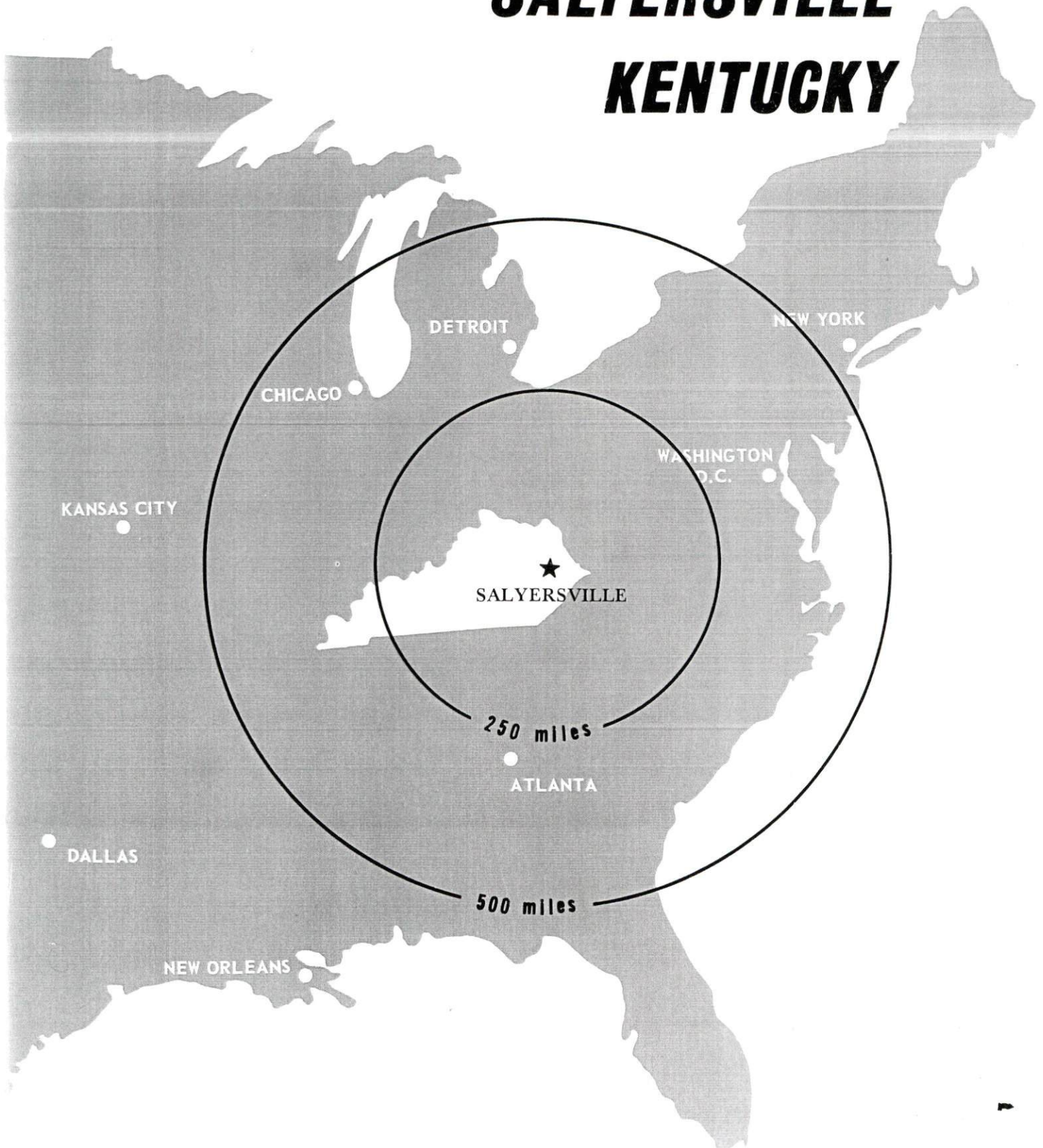
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SALYERSVILLE ***KENTUCKY***



MAGOFFIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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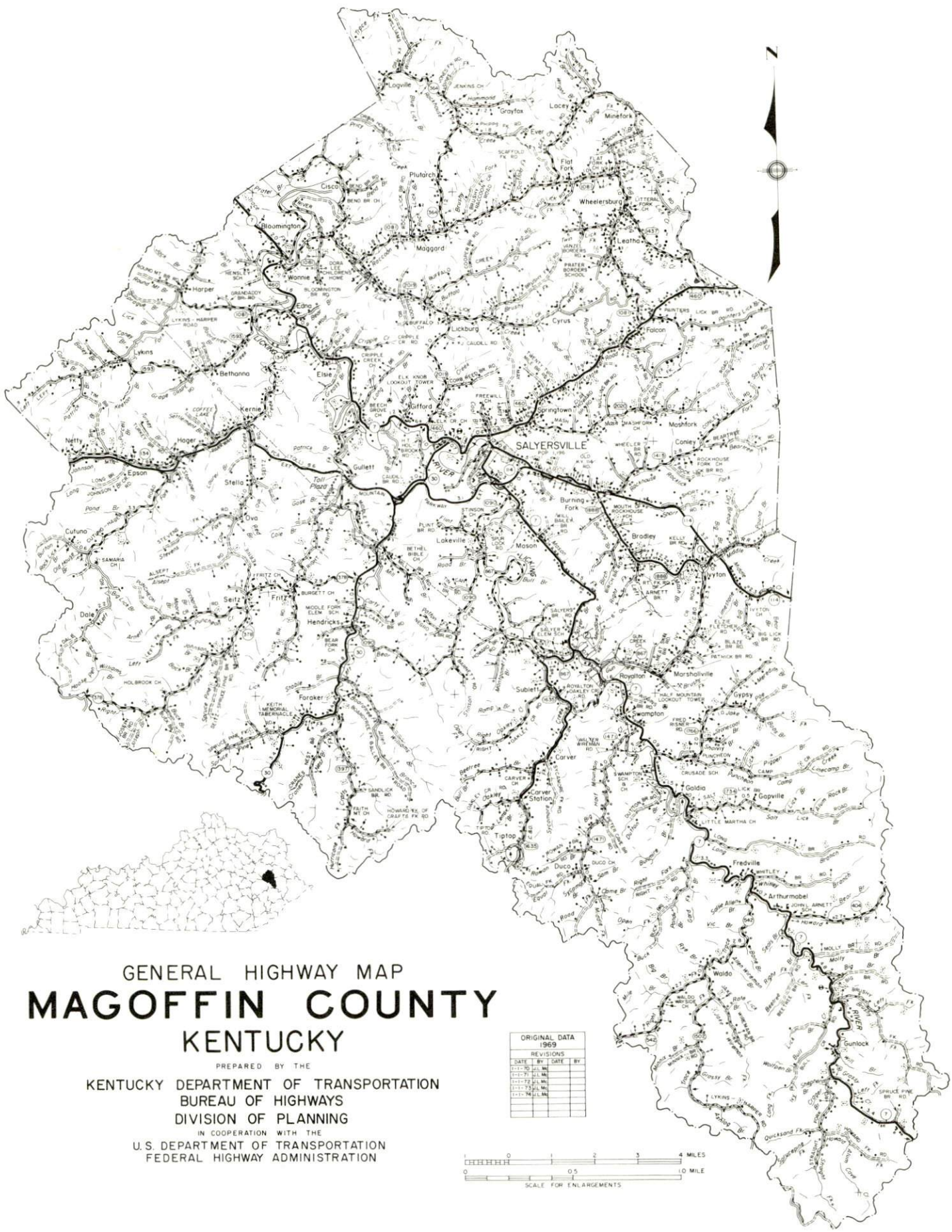
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
MAGOFFIN COUNTY
KENTUCKY

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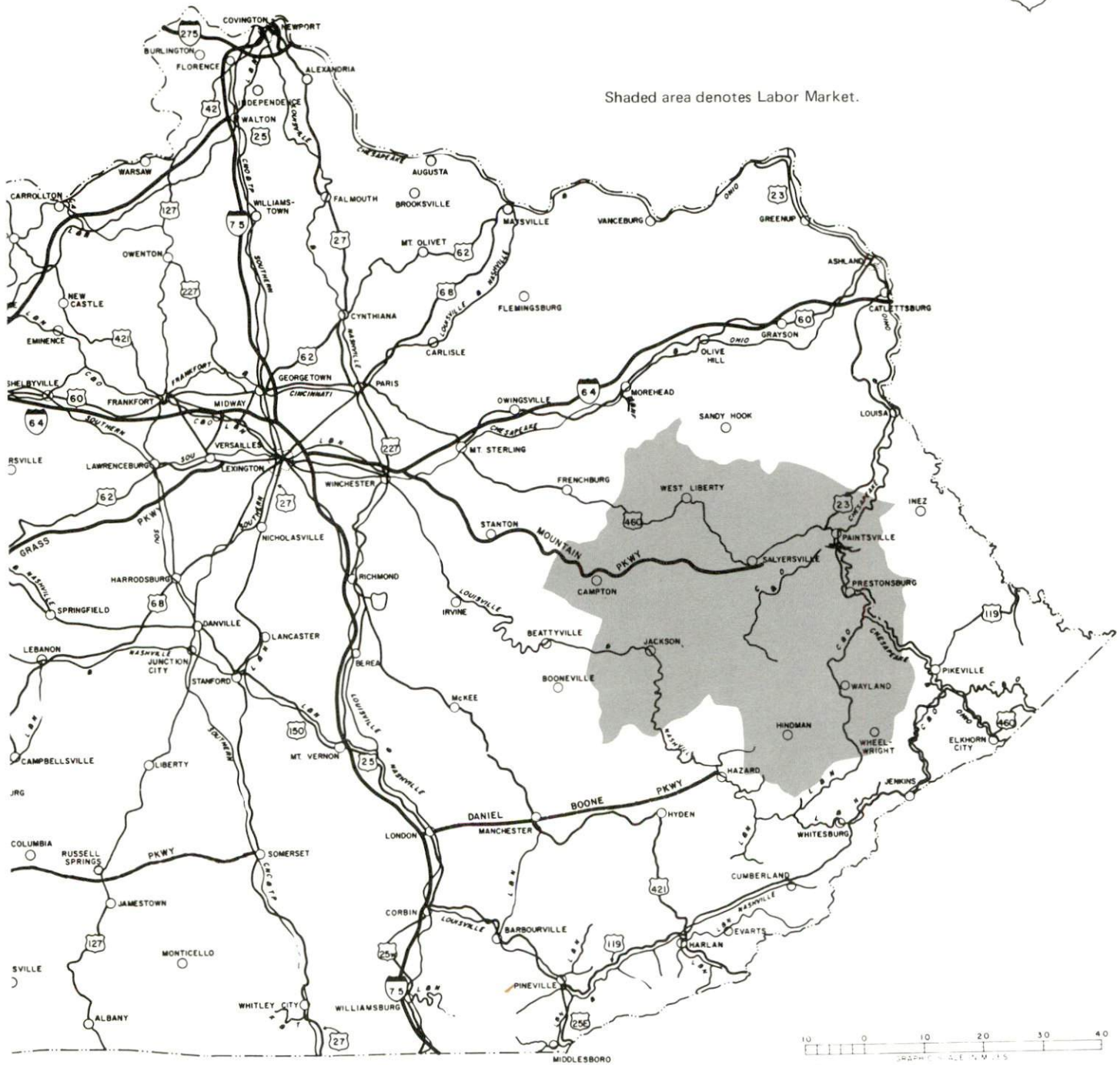
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1969		
REVISIONS		
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SALYERSVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA



Shaded area denotes Labor Market.



SALYERSVILLE, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Salyersville, the county seat of Magoffin County, is located in the central portion of eastern Kentucky, 162 miles east of Louisville, Kentucky, 168 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio, and 265 miles northeast of Knoxville, Tennessee. The 1970 population of Salyersville was 1,196. The estimated 1973 population was 1,299.

Magoffin County covers a land area of 303 square miles in Kentucky's Eastern Coal Field Region. Magoffin County had a 1970 population of 10,443. The estimated 1974 population was 10,700.

The Economic Framework

The total number of Magoffin County residents employed in 1974 averaged 3,300, including 75 in agriculture and 660 in government. Manufacturing employers in the county reported 190 workers; trade and services firms employed 300; mining employed 310.

The major industrial product is conveyor equipment.

Total unemployment in Magoffin County averaged 10.1 percent of the labor force in 1974.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1973 was \$2,115, an increase of 68.7 percent since 1969.

The Salyersville labor market area includes Magoffin and the six adjoining counties. The total number of residents of the labor market area employed in 1974 averaged 34,640, including 1,150 in agriculture and 7,060 in government. Manufacturing employers in the labor market area reported 2,220 workers; trade and services firms employed 6,520; mining reported 5,620.

Resources for Growth

1. There is a current labor supply of 13,290 men and 9,740 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 6,360 young men and 6,020 young women in the area will become 18 years of age before 1981 and potentially available for work.

2. Rail service is provided by the Chessie System at Paintsville, 18 miles from Salyersville. U. S. Highway 460 and Kentucky Highway 114, "AAA" trucking routes, serve Salyersville. The Mountain Parkway terminates one mile south of Salyersville. Small craft airports are located

20 miles northwest and 23 miles southeast of Salyersville. Commercial air service is available at the Tri-State Airport (Walker-Long Field), 75 miles away near Huntington, West Virginia.

3. The Kentucky Power Company provides electric power to both Salyersville and Magoffin County. The Licking Valley RECC also serves the county. At the present time, natural gas service is not available in Salyersville. There are five propane and butane distributors and five distillate fuel oil distributors located in the Salyersville area. Low sulphur content coal is available locally.

4. One public school system operates within Magoffin County. Educational television is available. One university, one senior college, two junior colleges, and one community college are located within 70 miles of Salyersville.

The Mayo State Vocational-Technical School is located in Paintsville, 18 miles away, and offers 23 different courses. The Magoffin County Area Vocational Education Center will offer 5 courses when it is completed in the Fall of 1976.

THE LABOR MARKET AREA

POPULATION

<u>Area</u>	<u>1974*</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>Percent Nonwhite</u>
			<u>1970</u>
Salyersville	1,299**	1,196	0.1
Labor Market			
Area	117,100	108,478	
Magoffin County	10,700	10,443	0.1
Breathitt County	15,300	14,221	0.2
Floyd County	38,900	35,889	0.5
Johnson County	19,500	17,539	0.1
Knott County	16,200	14,698	0.9
Morgan County	10,400	10,019	0.1
Wolfe County	6,100	5,669	0.2

*Provisional Estimates.

**1973 Population Estimates.

Sources: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census of Population 1970. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 562, June 1975; Series P-26, No. 120, June 1975.

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1974

<u>Major Employment Group</u>	<u>Employment</u>	
	<u>Magoffin County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
TOTAL	3,300*	34,638*
Agricultural	75	1,153
Nonagricultural	3,225	33,485
Manufacturing	190**	2,219**
Government	657	7,062
Trade and Services	302**	6,521**
Mining	310**	5,617**

*Total number of county residents employed in 1974.

**Employment reported by employers in the county.

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Bureau for Administration and Operations. Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY
SEPTEMBER 1974

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Magoffin County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
TOTAL	205	2,339
Food & Kindred Products	0	55
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	0	624
Lumber, Furniture	40	275
Printing & Publishing, Paper	2	91
Chemicals, Petroleum & Coal,		
Rubber	0	51
Stone, Clay & Glass	0	35
Machinery, Metal Products,		
Equipment	163	1,201
Other	0	7

Source: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Number of Workers in Manufacturing Industries Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law Classified by Industry and County, September, 1974.

SALYERSVILLE MANUFACTURING FIRMS,
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> (Establishment date)	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Continental Conveyor and Equipment Co. (1971)	Conveyor equipment	230	223	7
G. V. Joseph Lumber Co. (1934)	Lumber	13	12	1
Salyersville Independent (1924)	Newspaper, job printing	2	1	1

Source: Kentucky Department of Commerce, Division of Research and Planning.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

Presently, there are no unions representing manufacturing workers in Salyersville.

ESTIMATED MALE LABOR SUPPLY
SALYERSVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

Area	Current			Future	
	Total	Not in Labor Force	Unemployed	Under- employed	Reaching 18 yrs. of age before 1981
Labor Market					
Area	13,290	8,590	2,650	2,050	6,362
Magoffin	1,850	1,330	390	130	648
Breathitt	1,560	890	370	300	909
Floyd	4,310	2,830	830	650	1,994
Johnson	2,280	1,560	410	310	903
Knott	1,520	1,040	250	230	915
Morgan	790	150	310	330	596
Wolfe	980	790	90	100	397

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1974. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1981.

ESTIMATED FEMALE LABOR SUPPLY
SALYERSVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

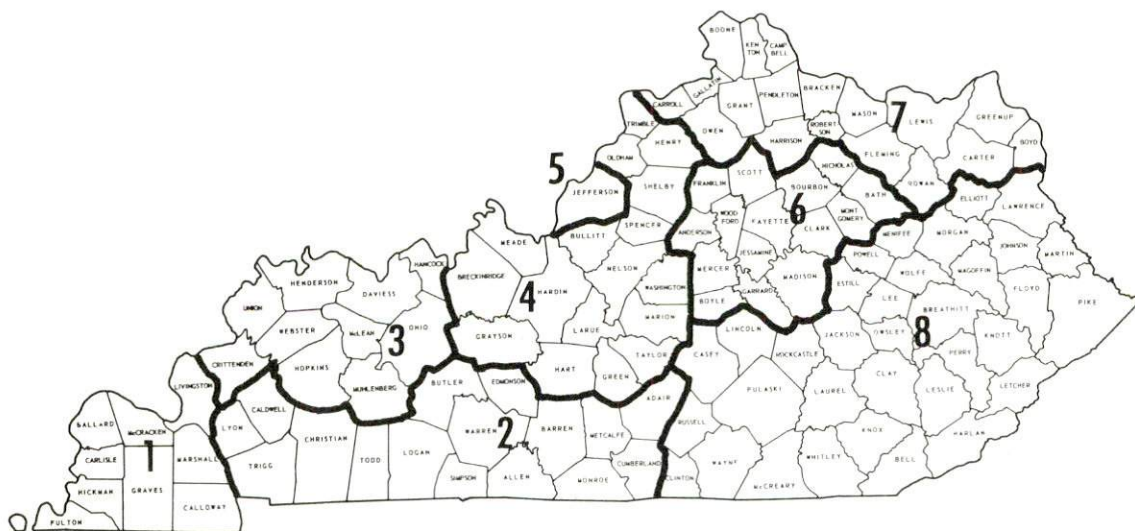
Area	Current			Future	
	Total	Not in Labor Force	Unemployed	Under- employed	Reaching 18 yrs. of age before 1981
Labor Market					
Area	9,740	7,900	410	1,480	6,016
Magoffin	1,220	1,050	70	100	619
Breathitt	1,100	900	30	170	887
Floyd	3,380	2,660	140	580	1,906
Johnson	1,610	1,260	70	280	855
Knott	1,160	990	20	150	873
Morgan	640	460	50	130	540
Wolfe	680	580	30	70	336

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1974. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1981.

WAGES

Occupational wage rates for specific industries are usually not available to most government agencies, and wage data furnished to state employment agencies by industrial employers is protected from disclosure by federal law. The most reliable up-to-date wage information can be obtained by direct contact with local employers.

Associated Industries of Kentucky, a voluntary organization of Kentucky businesses, regularly collects occupational wage rates and fringe benefits data from participating member firms. Data is compiled for over 130 clearly defined office, production, and service occupations. Tabulations are published for eight regions of Kentucky, as shown on the map below. It should be noted that the data may be weighted by the preponderance of firms in the larger cities and may be somewhat higher than the rates paid in the smaller communities. Data from these tabulations are available, upon request, from the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



Associated Industries of Kentucky Area Wage Surveys

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Magoffin County	\$2,115	\$1,254	+68.7
Labor Market Area			
Range	\$1,810 - 3,021	\$1,071 - 2,065	N.A.
Kentucky	4,050	2,894	+39.9
U. S.	5,041	3,733	+35.1

Sources: U. S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics, Survey of Current Business, August, 1974. U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, April, 1975.

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Line serving Salyersville - The Chessie System at Paintsville, 18 miles distant, provides a variety of services.

For details on routing, schedules, rates, and services, contact:

General Manager, Freight Service
The Chessie System
603 B & O Central Building
2 North Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
(301) 237-2000

Highways

U. S. Highway 460 and Kentucky Highway 114, both "AAA" trucking routes, and Kentucky Highway 7 serve Salyersville. The Mountain Parkway is only one mile south of Salyersville. Also, a new highway is being constructed from Paintsville to Salyersville.

Truck Service

Company

Home Office

Hogan Storage & Transfer Co.

721 East Fourth Avenue
Williamson, West Virginia 25661

Point Express, Inc.

P. O. Box 10185, Station C
Charleston, West Virginia 25312

Smith's Transportation Corporation
of Virginia

P. O. Box 1000
Staunton, Virginia 24401

Other Freight Services

Shipping Center

United Parcel Service

Salyersville

HIGHWAY MILES AND TRUCK TRANSIT TIME IN DAYS FROM
SALYERSVILLE, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Delivery		City	Delivery	
	Highway Miles	Time TL		Highway Miles	Time TL
Atlanta, Ga.	458	2	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,270	7
Birmingham, Ala.	519	2	Louisville, Ky.	162	2
Chicago, Ill.	454	2	Nashville, Tenn.	300	2
Cincinnati, Ohio	168	1	New Orleans, La.	861	3
Cleveland, Ohio	387	2	New York, N. Y.	698	2
Detroit, Mich.	427	2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	357	2
Knoxville, Tenn.	265	2	St. Louis, Mo.	425	2

Source: Delivery Time Only - Point Express, Inc., P. O. Box 10185,
Station C, Charleston, West Virginia 25312.

Air

Nearest Small Craft Airports

	West Liberty-Morgan County Airport	Combs Airport
Location:	20 miles northwest of Salyersville	5 miles south of Paintsville, 23 miles from Salyersville
Runways:	1 paved	1 paved
Length:	2,400 feet	3,300 feet
Traffic		
Control:	Wind sock	Wind Sock
Lighting:	None	None
Services:	80 and 100 octane, phone	80-100 octane

Nearest Commercial Airport

Location: Tri-State Airport (Walker-Long Field)
Huntington, West Virginia, 75 miles
distant

Runways: 2 paved

Length: 6,500 feet and 3,000 feet

Traffic

Control: Tower, approach and ground control,
ILS system

Lighting: Beacon, runway and obstructions
lighted

Services: Allegheny and Piedmont Airlines; jet fuel,
80-87 and 100-130 octane; restaurant and
lodging; storage; taxi and car rentals;
flight instruction; charter

Air Freight

Service: Accepted on a space available basis

Bus

Southern Greyhound Bus Lines

Taxi

7 companies

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Salyersville and parts of Magoffin County - Kentucky
Power Company

Source of power - Kentucky Power Company

Total generating capacity - 1,065,000 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Kentucky Power Company
Third Street
Paintsville, Kentucky 41240
(606) 789-4611

Company serving Magoffin County - Licking Valley RECC

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

Total generating capacity - 496,000 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Licking Valley RECC
West Liberty, Kentucky 41472
(606) 743-3179

Natural Gas

Natural gas service is not available.

Other Fuels

Propane and butane

B & W Gas and Appliance Co.
Staffordsville, Kentucky 41256

Magoffin Farmers Supply
Salyersville, Kentucky 41465

Doxol Gas of Prestonsburg, Inc.
Bull Creek Road
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

Williams Energy Co.
By Pass
Paintsville, Kentucky 41240

Hardware Charlie Gas Co.
U. S. Highway 23
Paintsville, Kentucky 41240

Fuel oils

Distillate fuel oil -

Ashland Oil Co. (Bulk Plant)
Falcon, Kentucky 41426

Ashland Petroleum Co.
By Pass
Paintsville, Kentucky 41240

Somerset Oil Co.
Salyersville, Kentucky 41465

Standard Oil Co.
Salyersville, Kentucky 41465

Texaco, Inc.
Salyersville, Kentucky 41465

Residual fuel oil - Arrangements must be made with the refinery.

Low sulphur content coal - Available locally.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Salyersville - Salyersville Water & Sewerage Company
Magoffin County Courthouse
Salyersville, Kentucky 41465
(606) 349-2567

Source - One deep well
Treatment plant capacity - 288,000 gpd*
Average daily consumption - 200,000 gallons*
Type treatment - Aeration, filtration, chlorination
Storage capacity - 200,000 gallons
Size lines - 8, 6, and 4 inches
Average pressure - 90 psi
Average temperature - 60 degrees F.

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	1,000 gallons	\$4.75 Minimum
Next	2,000 gallons	1.24 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	.75 per M gallons
All over	8,000 gallons	.56 per M gallons

Tap-on charge: \$50

Surface water sources - Licking River
Average discharge - Licking River near Salyersville 171 cfs (36 years, USGS)
Expected ground water yield - Entire county 50 to 100 gpm except for small section in west central portion of county which yields 5 to 50 gpm

*Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

Sewerage

Company serving Salyersville - Salyersville Water & Sewerage Company*
Magoffin County Courthouse
Salyersville, Kentucky 41465
(606) 349-2567

Design capacity - 150,000 gpd**
Average daily flow - 100,000 gallons
Treatment - Primary and secondary
Type treatment - Extended aeration, clarifier, chlorination
Treated effluent discharged into - Licking River
Size of sanitary mains - 8 inches
Size of storm mains - 24 inches
Rates - 60 percent of monthly water rate

Tap-on charge: None

*An application for a 201 Facilities Plan has been submitted.

**Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

CLIMATE

Magoffin County

Temperature

Annual mean (30-year record)	56.1 degrees
Average annual 1974	56.6 degrees
Record highest, July, 1970 (13-year record)	95.0 degrees
Record lowest, January, 1966 (13-year record)	15.0 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,306
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

Precipitation

Mean annual total (30-year record)	41.47 inches
Mean annual snowfall (37-year record)	15.90 inches
Total precipitation 1974	46.38 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (29-year record)	134
Average number days thunderstorms (31-year record)	46

Prevailing Winds (9-year record)

West-southwest

Relative Humidity (30-year record)

1 A. M.	81 percent
7 A. M.	85 percent
1 P. M.	57 percent
7 P. M.	64 percent

Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services
Administration, Climatological Data, 1974. Station of record:
Bristol, Johnson City, and Kingsport, Tennessee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms

Budget 1975 - General Fund \$48,500

Water and Sewer Fund 60,000

Fees and licenses - Occupational license - newspaper printing - \$25 annually; job printing - \$15 annually; all other manufacturers one cent per square foot of building space for first floor, $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per square foot for second floor, plus $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per square foot for storage room - annually

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 3 magistrates - 4-year terms

Budget 1974-75 - General Fund \$99,854; Road Fund \$75,881

Assessed Value of Property, 1975

<u>Classes of Property</u>	<u>Salyersville</u>	<u>Magoffin County</u>
Real Estate	\$4,746,796	\$32,981,953
Tangibles	1,607,524	19,511,256

Property Taxes

Land and buildings are taxed by the state and may be taxed by local jurisdictions. The state rate is \$0.015 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Tangible personal property owned by manufacturers (automobiles, trucks, finished goods, office furniture, office equipment) is taxed by the state at \$0.15 per \$100 and may be taxed by local jurisdictions.

Manufacturing machinery, raw materials inventories, pollution control equipment, and goods in process inventories are not subject to local taxation. The state rate is \$0.15 per \$100.

Property stored in public warehouses is not subject to local taxation. The state rate is only \$0.015 per \$100.

All property is assessed at 100 percent of fair cash value.

Local Property Tax Rate Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation, 1975*

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Salyersville</u>	<u>Magoffin County</u>
County	\$.366	\$.366
School	.426	.426
City	.170	

Special (not county wide): \$.030 (Fire protection)

Planning and Zoning

At the present time, Salyersville has no planning and zoning commission.

Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>Salyersville</u>	<u>Magoffin County</u>
Total staff	5	County police - 4 Sheriff's office - 6
Radio-patrol cars	1	1

Fire

American Insurance Association Fire Rating	8
Full-time staff	3
Volunteers	15

Solid Wastes

	<u>Salyersville</u>
Type service	Private
Fee charged:	
residential	\$3.00 monthly
business	Contract
industrial	Contract
Collection frequency:	
residential	Weekly
business	Contract
industrial	Contract
Trash pickup	As needed
Disposal method	Landfill

*Kentucky Department of Revenue.

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Magoffin County</u>
Total Enrollment (1975)	2,961
Elementary	2,249
High School	712
Student-Teacher Ratio	23 - 1
Elementary	23 - 1
High School	23 - 1
Percent High School Graduates to College	14.3
Expenditures Per Pupil (1973-74)	\$474.37
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1974	\$1,284,000

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Distance (Miles)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1974)</u>	<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
Alice Lloyd Junior College	Pippa Passes	65	282	Associate
Lees Junior College	Jackson	39	273	Associate
Morehead State University	Morehead	69	6,765	Masters, Ph. D. *
Pikeville College	Pikeville	52	439	Baccalaureate
Prestonsburg Com- munity College	Prestonsburg	23	481	Associate

*Cooperative program with the University of Kentucky for a Ph. D. in education only.

Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest State School</u>	<u>Nearest Area Education Center</u>
	Mayo State Vocational- Technical School	Magoffin County Area Vocational Education Center*
Location	Paintsville	Salyersville
Miles Distant	18	
Curriculum	Accounting Jr. Management Secretarial General Business Data Processing Practical Nursing Electronics (Industrial and Communications) Highway Technology Instrumentation Technical Drafting Tool and Die Design Tool and Die Making Auto Mechanics Auto Body Repair Diesel Mechanics Cosmetology Carpentry Drafting Printing Electricity Mine Mechanics Radio and TV Repair Welding Machine Shop	Electricity Auto Mechanics Auto Body Repair Business and Office Agribusiness

Arrangements can be made to provide training in the specific production skills required by an industrial plant. Instruction may be conducted either in the vocational school or in the industrial plant, depending upon the desired arrangement and the availability of special equipment.

*The vocational building is now under construction and will open for classes in the Fall of 1976.

HEALTH

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 2

Dentists - 2

Hospitals

<u>Nearest General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Highlands Regional Medical Center	Prestonsburg, 23 miles away	150

General hospital facilities - 4 operating rooms, 4-room emergency suite, diagnostic X-ray, nuclear medicine, clinical laboratory, pulmonary function laboratory, 4-bed recovery room, 6-bed coronary care/intensive care unit, physical therapy, EKG, 2 delivery rooms, premature infant nursery, 4-bed pediatric unit, OBGYN, general surgery, urology, orthopedics, 49-bed skilled nursing facility

Medical staff - 11 family practitioners, 4 internists, 2 emergency room physicians, urologist, obstetrician, orthopedist, 35 registered nurses, 36 licensed practical nurses

Other Medical Facilities

Mountain Comprehensive Care Center

Ambulance Service

Ambulance service is provided by local funeral homes.

Nursing Homes

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Personal care homes	1	32

Public Health

Facility - Magoffin County Health Department

Staff - Registered nurse, clerk-typist and acting administrative assistant, sanitarian, health aide

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Services - Standard

Telephone - Western Union
Services - Telephone, mail

Postal - U. S. Post Office
Class - Second
Mail received - Twice daily
Mail dispatched - Once daily

Newspapers - Salyersville Independent
Weekly and circulation - 2,700
Other papers received from - Ashland, Paintsville, Lexington, and
Louisville, Kentucky; Huntington, West Virginia

Radio -
Stations received from - Ashland, Paintsville, Prestonsburg, Pikeville,
Lexington, and Louisville, Kentucky; Huntington, West Virginia

Television -
Cable service
Reception from - Lexington, Kentucky; Huntington and Charleston,
West Virginia

Kentucky Educational Television - Morehead Transmitter, Channel 38

Library Services

Public library - Magoffin County Public Library
Size collection - 20,649 volumes
Circulation, 1974-75 - 52,570
Services - Bookmobile, records, meeting area, record player, films
and film strips, film projectors

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 8
Denominations - Baptist, Christian, Methodist, Church of Christ
Nearest Synagogues - Ashland, 82 miles distant
Congregations - Agudath Achim (reform)

Financial Institutions

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
The Salyersville National Bank	\$15,155,001.06	\$13,963,988.08	6/30/75

Hotels and Motels

Total number - 3
Total units - 100

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Kiwanis, PTA, Rural Development Corporation,
WOW, Jaycees

Fraternal - American Legion, Masonic Lodge

Women's - Woman's Club, Eastern Star, DAR

Youth - FHA, FFA, Little League, 4-H, Boy Scouts

Other - Sportsmen's Club, Saddle Club, Archery Club

RECREATION

Local

A new program, which will greatly improve the recreational facilities in Salyersville, is underway. Construction of a \$360,000 community services center has recently been completed. In addition, land has been purchased for the development of a 20-acre city park. Facilities will include: three baseball diamonds, six tennis courts, swimming pool, picnic area and shelter house. At the present time, the city has a baseball diamond, two tennis courts, 2 parks, movie theater, skating rink, and archery field. There is a supervised little league program during the summer months.

Area (Within 50 miles)

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, 25 miles distant, affords various recreational activities on 880-acre Dewey Lake, which is surrounded by 7,000 acres of forest. Facilities include a lodge, cottages, 9-hole golf course, camping and picnic areas, riding stables, sky lift, and an amphitheater.

Natural Bridge State Resort Park and Red River Gorge are located in the Daniel Boone National Forest, approximately 40 miles west of Salyersville. This scenic area abounds with sandstone arches and rugged cliffs. There are numerous picnic and camp sites throughout the area. In addition, Natural Bridge State Resort Park has a resort lodge, swimming pool, and sky lift.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Recent:

The Continental Conveyor and Equipment Company has expanded its facilities.

Two motels have added new units to their accommodations.

The city has completed a \$360,000 community services center.

Underway:

The Magoffin County School System is constructing a new vocational school that will be ready for occupancy in the Fall of 1976. A new gymnasium for the high school is planned.

The city has applied for a 201 Facilities Study of the sewerage system.

A new two-lane highway with passing lanes on the inclines is being constructed between Salyersville and Paintsville.

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The Mountain Comprehensive Care Center is constructing a canning factory and two greenhouses. These facilities will be operated by the handicapped residents in the Magoffin County area. The greenhouses, which will produce food for the processing plant, are now under construction. Construction of the processing plant will begin in early 1976. The center also hopes to process and distribute to nearby markets the produce of the local farmers.

HISTORY

Magoffin County, the one-hundred and eighth county formed in Kentucky, dates from 1860. Its 303 square miles of territory was taken from Floyd, Johnson, and Morgan Counties. Its topography is broken and hilly. The Licking River flows in a northwesterly direction through the county and almost bisects it into two equal parts. The bottom lands are rich and productive, but the hills are thin. There are several large tracts of timber in the region. The county is primarily a rural area.

The first settlers in the county came from South Carolina about 1800. They were the families of John Williams, Archibald Prather, Clayton Cook, and Ebenezer Hanna. By the time they arrived, the Indians had been pushed from Ohio by the Treaty of Greenville (1795), thus making it possible for settlements to be established without serious danger of attack. The newcomers had little difficulty in building a fort and a few houses about one mile below present-day Salyersville at Licking Station. The Licking River flows in a great semi-circle around the site which made it admirably suited for settlement. The level land was fertile, and when it was cleared of trees, abundant crops of corn and vegetables were produced. The fort was built in the center of the open area and it was easily defended.

There are rich oil deposits in the county. Natural gases escaped from the ground at a spot some four miles from Salyersville during the 1860's and burned when a spark of fire ignited them. The burning fields presented an odd scene before wells were drilled and the gases harnessed for domestic uses.

Magoffin County was named in honor of Beriah Magoffin, a native of Harrodsburg. He married Anna Shelby, a granddaughter of former Governor Issac Shelby, was appointed police judge of Harrodsburg, elected to the Kentucky Senate in 1850, was defeated for the Lieutenant-governorship in 1855, and was elected Governor of the State in 1859.

Salyersville, the county seat, is 875 feet above sea level. It was first known as Adamsville for Uncle Billy Admas, a respected pioneer who lived in the area. In 1860, its name was changed to Salyersville in honor of Samuel Salyers, the district's representative in Frankfort who was responsible for the creation of Magoffin County. The first day of each Circuit Court term is called "Jockey Day," when citizens of the county come to town to trade and swap items and have a good time.

The 1860 population of Magoffin County was 3,485. There was a steady increase in the population until the county reached its high of 17,490 in 1940. Since 1940 there has been a slow steady decrease in population to its 1970 level of 10,443.

The total number of Magoffin County residents employed in 1974 averaged 3,300, including 75 in agriculture and 660 in government. Manufacturing employers in the county reported 190 workers; trade and services firms employed 300; mining employed 310. The largest manufacturing firm in Salyersville is Continental Conveyor & Equipment Company, which produces conveyor equipment.