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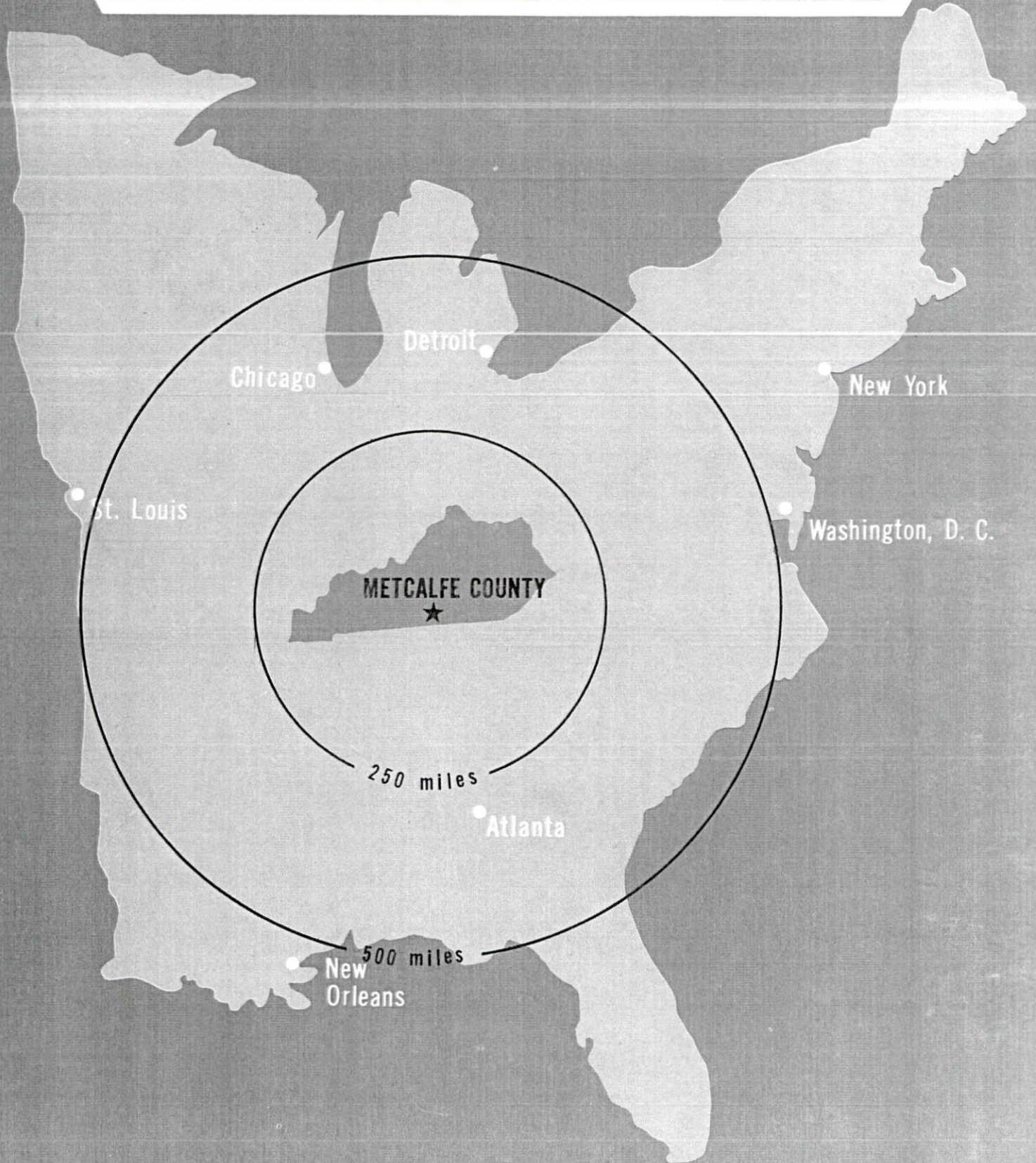
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## **METCALFE COUNTY KENTUCKY**



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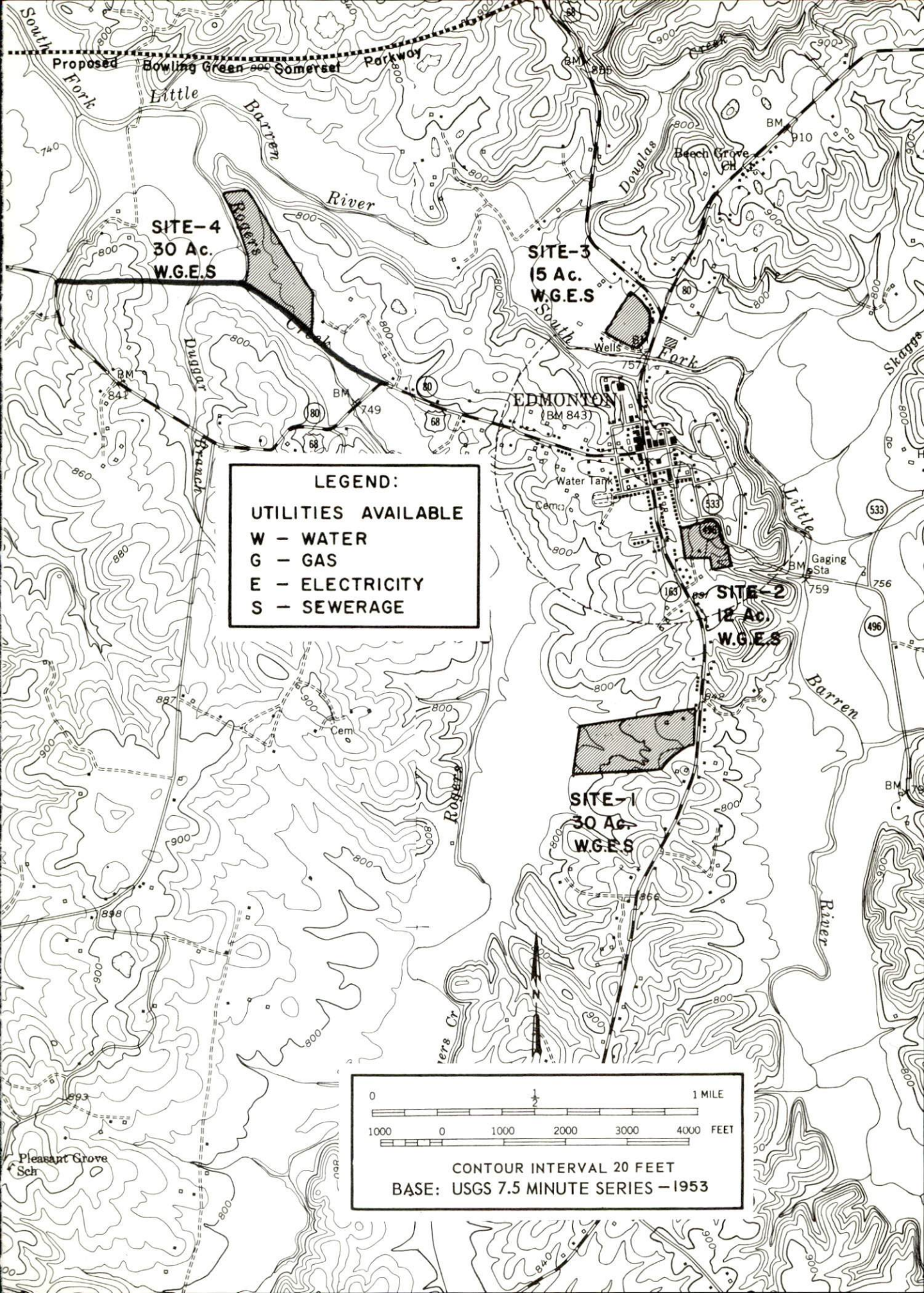
The agent for all the sites in Metcalfe County is the Metcalfe County Junior Chamber of Commerce, Edmonton, Kentucky. Additional information may be obtained from the Kentucky Department of Commerce.

SITE #1: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 30 acres; level to gently rolling  
LOCATION: On Kentucky 163, one-fourth mile south of city limits  
ZONING: None  
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Kentucky 163  
RAILROADS: None  
WATER: Edmonton Water Works and Sewer Board SIZE LINE: 6-inch  
GAS: Edmonton Natural Gas Company SIZE LINE: 3-inch, 350 psi  
ELECTRICITY: Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation  
SEWERAGE: Edmonton Water Works and Sewer Board  
OWNER: Edward Branstetter

SITE # 2: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 10 to 12 acres; sloping, level to head of ravine, good drainage  
LOCATION: Within city limits  
ZONING: None  
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Kentucky 496 north border  
RAILROADS: None  
WATER: Edmonton Water Works and Sewer Board SIZE LINE: 6-inch  
GAS: Edmonton Natural Gas Company SIZE LINE: 3-inch  
ELECTRICITY: Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation  
SEWERAGE: Edmonton Water Works and Sewer Board  
OWNER: Elizabeth Beauchamp

SITE # 3: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 15 acres; level bottom, flood free  
LOCATION: North of Edmonton near city limits  
ZONING: None  
HIGHWAY ACCESS: U. S. 68 and Kentucky 163  
RAILROADS: None  
WATER: Edmonton Water Works and Sewer Board SIZE LINE: 6-inch  
GAS: Edmonton Natural Gas Company SIZE LINE: 3-inch  
ELECTRICITY: Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation  
SEWERAGE: Edmonton Water Works and Sewer Board  
OWNER: Kenneth, Robert and Hurtzel Branstetter

SITE # 4: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 30 acres; level bottom  
LOCATION: One-fourth mile from west city limits (Fair Grounds)  
ZONING: None  
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Kentucky 80 and U. S. 68  
RAILROADS: None  
WATER: Edmonton Water Works and Sewer Board SIZE LINE: 6-inch  
GAS: Edmonton Natural Gas Company  
ELECTRICITY: Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation  
SEWERAGE: Edmonton Water Works and Sewer Board  
OWNER: Edmonton Fair Board



**SITE-4**  
30 Ac.  
W.G.E.S

**SITE-3**  
5 Ac.  
W.G.E.S

**SITE-2**  
12 Ac.  
W.G.E.S

**SITE-1**  
30 Ac.  
W.G.E.S

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

0 1 MILE  
1000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 FEET  
CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
BASE: USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES - 1953

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METCALFE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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## METCALFE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, A PROFILE

### Location

Edmonton, county seat of Metcalfe County, is a rural community serving as a local trade center. The city is 105 miles south of Louisville, 50 miles east of Bowling Green, 123 miles southwest of Lexington, and 106 miles northeast of Nashville.

### The Economy

The economy of Metcalfe County is primarily influenced by agriculture. In 1968, there were 1,375 persons employed on farms, representing 53 percent of the county's total employment. Other employment in the county is nearly equally divided among manufacturing (250), government (230), and trade and services (180). Upon completion, the Bowling Green-Somerset Parkway will pass directly through Metcalfe County approximately 1 1/4 miles north of Edmonton. This Parkway will be a major contributing factor in the county's future industrial growth.

The Metcalfe County labor market area, including Metcalfe and surrounding counties, had a total 1968 employment of 33,600. Agriculture accounted for 12,240 jobs, trade and services 5,375, manufacturing 4,900, and government in excess of 2,800.

### Labor Supply

Edmonton has recently completed a labor supply survey indicating a current supply of 383 men and 404 women interested in industrial employment. In the Metcalfe County labor supply area, there is an approximate available labor supply of 4,800 men and 3,000 women.

### Industrial Sites and Services

There are four available industrial sites in Edmonton totaling approximately 87 acres. All utilities are available on all four sites. The new Parkway will provide these sites with access to the major highway networks of Kentucky.

Trucking service is provided to Edmonton by two common carriers on an interstate and intrastate basis.

The nearest rail service is in Glasgow, 18 miles west of Edmonton. "Piggyback" facilities and switching service are available.

The nearest commercial airport is located in Bowling Green, 51 miles west of Edmonton. An airstrip which will accommodate light aircraft is being constructed in Edmonton.

### Recreation

Edmonton is planning the development of a 55-acre recreational area, which will have a lake and many outdoor recreational features.

Area recreation is excellent - Lake Cumberland, Dale Hollow Lake, Barren River Reservoir and Mammoth Cave National Park are all nearby.

## THE LABOR MARKET

### Population

Edmonton is the county seat and population center of Metcalfe County. The city has shown significant growth over the past years. Growth has been stimulated by industrial development and annexation.

Metcalfe County has experienced a steady decline in population during the past years due to outmigration for better jobs. This trend has slowed since 1960 as employment opportunities have increased in the county.

TABLE 1

POPULATION TREND-EDMONTON AND METCALFE COUNTY,  
KENTUCKY 1/

Year	Edmonton		Metcalfe County	
	Population	% Change	Population	% Change
1900	NA		9,988	
1950	519		9,851	- 1.4
1960	749	44.3	8,367	- 15.1
1968 (Est.)	1,450 <u>2/</u>	48.3		
1969 (Est.)			7,800	- 6.8 <u>3/</u>

### General Employment Characteristics

During 1968, total employment in Metcalfe County averaged 2,600, with approximately 1,375 working in agriculture, 250 in manufacturing, 230 in government, and 180 in trade and services.

During this same period, total employment in the Metcalfe County labor market area, including Metcalfe, Adair, Barren, Cumberland, Green, Hart, and Monroe Counties, averaged 33,600. There were 12,240 persons employed in agriculture, 5,375 in trade and services, 4,900 in manufacturing, and more than 2,800 in government.

### Manufacturing Characteristics

Industrial growth in Metcalfe County has been limited in the past few years due partly to the transportation problem. However, the county is expecting the opening of the Bowling Green-Somerset Parkway to contribute to the area's potential for attracting industry. There has been no appreciable change in manufacturing employment in the county since 1959. Approximately 80 percent of industrial employment is female.

Six firms in Metcalfe County are engaged in manufacturing activity and produce 10 different products. The greatest production concentration is in apparel. One firm has located in the county since 1959.

TABLE 2

METCALFE COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS, WITH PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT <sup>4/</sup>

Firm	Product	Employment		
		Total	Male	Female
Clifton Bennett & Son	Rough lumber	4	4	0
The Edmonton Herald-News	Newspaper	2	1	1
Edmonton Manufacturing Co.	Men's work clothing, uniforms	225	30	195
H. L. McMurtrey & Son	Stock & grain bodies	10	10	0
Charles S. Morgan	Tobacco farming equipment	5	5	0
Perkins Manufacturing Co.	Tobacco spears, knives	1	1	0

In the seven-county Metcalfe County labor market area there were 4,900 employed in manufacturing in September 1968. Growth since 1960 has been sharpest in machinery and metal products and apparel.

Since 1959, 20 new plants have located in the Metcalfe County labor market area. Twenty plants in the area have expanded their facilities with added investment totaling over \$12,670,000.

TABLE 3

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT, EDMONTON LABOR MARKET AREA, SEPTEMBER, 1968 <sup>5/</sup>

Industry	1960	1968	Percent Change
	Employment	Employment	
TOTAL	2,749	4,904	78.4
Apparel	1,766	2,409	36.4
Lumber & wood products	520	543	4.4
Metal products & machinery	0	1,476	100
Other	463	476	2.8

Labor Organizations

There are no labor organizations representing Edmonton production workers.

## Industrial Services

There are two firms providing industrial service to Edmonton. Located in Bowling Green and Somerset, these services include machine shops, tool and die shops, and metal finishers. 6/

## Wage Levels

The 1968 average weekly wage in all industries covered by unemployment insurance in Metcalfe County was \$67.16. Average manufacturing wages are not published for Edmonton. Comparable figures for Kentucky are: all industries \$112.16 and manufacturing \$123.97. All counties in the Edmonton labor market area were below the Kentucky average weekly wage for all industries and manufacturing.

Some examples of specific occupational wage rates in the Edmonton area are: 7/

<u>Production Employees</u>	<u>Wages per Hour</u>		<u>Prevailing</u>
	<u>Starting</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	
Inspector	\$1.60	\$1.90	\$1.75
Production Laborer	1.60	1.90	1.75
Sprayer or Painter	1.60	2.50	2.00
<u>Service Employees</u>			
Carpenter	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$2.75
Electrician	2.00	3.00	2.50
Janitor	1.60	1.80	1.70
Laborer	1.60	1.80	1.75
Mechanic, Maintenance	2.00	2.75	2.50
Shipping Clerk	1.60	2.00	1.90
Truck Driver	1.60	2.00	1.75
<u>Office Employees</u>			
Bookkeeper or Accounting Clerk	\$1.60	\$2.00	\$1.75
File Clerk	1.60	1.75	1.65
Receptionist	1.60	1.75	1.65
Secretary	1.60	2.00	1.90
Stenographer	1.60	2.00	1.90
Telephone Operator	1.60	2.00	1.90
Typist	1.60	1.75	1.65

## Labor Supply

There is an estimated current labor supply of 4,800 men and 3,000 women in the Metcalfe County labor supply area. The current labor supply includes the unemployed, underemployed and those who would enter the work force if jobs became available. During the next five years 4,950 boys and 4,650 girls will become 18 years of age, augmenting this labor supply.

TABLE 4

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY,  
EDMONTON LABOR MARKET AREA

County	Current Labor Supply <sup>8/</sup> January, 1969			Future Labor Supply by 1975 (Becoming 18 Years of Age) <sup>9/</sup>		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Labor Market						
Area	7,848	4,827	3,021	9,607	4,955	4,652
Metcalfe	995	564	431	798	390	408
Adair	1,658	976	682	1,447	709	738
Barren	1,500	868	632	2,826	1,448	1,378
Cumberland	962	671	291	771	411	360
Green	681	435	246	1,142	599	543
Hart	1,152	647	505	1,434	749	685
Monroe	900	666	234	1,189	649	540

In December, 1968, Edmonton completed a labor supply survey made on the basis of a voluntary signup conducted through the newspaper and by mail. Results of the survey are shown on the following page.

TABLE 5

METCALFE COUNTY LABOR AVAILABILITY SURVEY 10/

<u>Total Registration</u>	787							
	<u>Males</u>				<u>Females</u>			
	383				404			
<u>Age Distribution</u>	<u>Under 18</u>	<u>18-19</u>	<u>20-29</u>	<u>30-39</u>	<u>40-49</u>	<u>50-55</u>	<u>Over 55</u>	<u>Unlisted</u>
Males	45	59	80	69	65	28	21	16
Females	48	66	93	77	67	25	14	14
<u>Education</u>	<u>Under 7th Grade</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9-11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13-14</u>	<u>15-16</u>	<u>Over 16</u>
Males	77		90	39	139	25	12	1
Females	40	3	96	69	151	43	3	
<u>Skills Inventory</u>	<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>		<u>Total</u>			
Agriculture	3				3			
Profession	11				11			
Service	27		65		92			
Factory	44		69		113			
Construction (Carpenters, Electricians, Welders, etc.)	35				35			
					<u>254</u>			

Income

The total personal income in Metcalfe County in 1968 was estimated at \$13,602,000. Per capita income was \$1,744 for a gain of \$861 during the previous nine years. 11/

## EDUCATION

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

### Elementary and High School

Edmonton and Metcalfe County are served by the Metcalfe County School System, which is composed of one high school, with a rating of Standard, and four elementary schools.

The System employs 86 professional people and 50 nonprofessionals. Special personnel include three elementary remedial reading teachers, one secondary remedial reading teacher, one elementary counselor and one secondary counselor. Special programs offered include vocational agriculture, vocational home economics, four units of adult education, and a summer neighborhood youth center Headstart Program.

The budget for the 1968-69 school year was \$900,000. As of December 31, 1968, total bonded indebtedness of the System was \$475,000 in school building bonds.

Bids for construction of a new elementary center, a music center and vocational agricultural shop were let in April, 1969.

TABLE 6

### SCHOOLS, ENROLLMENT, NUMBER OF TEACHERS, STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO IN EDMONTON AND METCALFE COUNTY, 1968-69 <sup>12/</sup>

School	Grades	Enrollment	No. of Teachers	Student-Teacher Ratio
Metcalfe County High School	9-12	410	18	22-1
Edmonton Elementary	1- 4	335	12	29-1
Metcalfe County Upper-Grades	5- 8	343	12	28-1
North Metcalfe County Elementary	1- 8	343	13	26-1
Summer Shade Elementary	1- 8	298	9	33-1

### Vocational Schools

Edmonton is served by the Glasgow Extension Center of the Bowling Green Area Vocational-Technical School at Bowling Green. Courses offered in Glasgow include: health careers, auto mechanics, carpentry and drafting. Bowling Green offers a total of 26 courses.



Glasgow is located only 18 miles west of Edmonton and Bowling Green is 50 miles west of Edmonton.

### Colleges

There are eight institutions of higher learning located within 100 miles of Edmonton. The closest is Lindsey Wilson College, 23 miles north-east of Edmonton at Columbia. Western Kentucky University is located 50 miles west of Edmonton in Bowling Green.

Other institutions of higher learning in the Edmonton area include:

<u>College or University</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Distance</u>
Campbellsville College	Campbellsville, Kentucky	40 miles
St. Catharine College	St. Catharine, Kentucky	68 miles
Somerset Community College	Somerset, Kentucky	70 miles
Nazareth College	Nazareth, Kentucky	80 miles
Elizabethtown Community College	Elizabethtown, Kentucky	87 miles
Centre College	Danville, Kentucky	91 miles

## TRANSPORTATION

### Rail

There is no rail service to Edmonton. The nearest terminal is in Glasgow, 18 miles west. Piggyback facilities are available in Glasgow from the Louisville & Nashville Railroad.

TABLE 7

RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM EDMONTON, KENTUCKY, TO: 13/

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

### Highways

Edmonton is served by U. S. Highway 68, north and west, and Kentucky Highway 80 east. Kentucky Routes 163, 496 and 533 also serve the county.

The corridor for the Bowling Green-Somerset Parkway has been selected and construction is planned in the near future. The Parkway will pass 1 1/4 miles north of town and have a local interchange. This will tie the city to the interstate highway network.

Truck Service: Trucking is provided to Edmonton by the following common carriers on both an interstate and intrastate basis.

#### Company

#### Home Office

Manning Motor Express, Inc.  
Skaggs Transfer, Inc.

Glasgow, Kentucky  
Louisville, Kentucky

TABLE 8

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

City	Delivery			City	Delivery		
	Highway Miles	Time (Days)	14/		Highway Miles	Time	14/
Atlanta, Ga.	369	2	2	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,233	5	4
Birmingham, Ala.	326	2	2	Louisville, Ky.	126	Overnight	
Chicago, Ill.	436	1	1	Nashville, Tenn.	108	Overnight	
Cincinnati, Ohio	241	1	1	New Orleans, La.	530	3	2
Cleveland, Ohio	244	2	2	New York, N. Y.	879	3	2
Detroit, Mich.	499	2	2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	524	3	2
Knoxville, Tenn.	306	1	1	St. Louis, Mo.	401	1	1

Air

Edmonton is constructing a turf airstrip in its new recreation area. It will accommodate light aircraft.

The Glasgow Municipal Airport is located 19 miles west of Edmonton on Kentucky Route 90. It has a 3,000 by 75-foot paved and lighted runway, Unicom radio, hangar service, maintenance, 80 and 100 octane fuel.

The nearest commercial airport is located in Bowling Green, Kentucky, 51 miles west of Edmonton, and is served by Eastern Airlines. Fuel and A&E repair services are available.

Other Transportation Services

One taxicab company serves Edmonton with local and rural service. There is no bus line serving the city.

## POWER AND FUEL

### Electricity

Electric power is provided to Edmonton by the Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation. The source of power is from a single feed 13.2 KV-TVA transmission line. The tie-in point is one mile south of the city limits.

Residential rates are as follows:

First	60 kwh per month at	3	cents per kwh
Next	160 kwh per month at	2	cents per kwh
Next	205 kwh per month at	1	cent per kwh
Next	975 kwh per month at	0.5	cent per kwh
Excess over	1,400 kwh per month at	0.75	cent per kwh

Minimum monthly bill - \$1.50 per meter.

### Natural Gas

The municipally owned Edmonton Natural Gas Company serves 168 customers in the city with natural gas. The Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation supplies the city system with gas at 350 psi through a city-owned 3-inch transmission line, from 5 miles south and east of the city.

Distribution is through three-quarter-inch lines at a pressure of 30 psi. The BTU content is 1,037 per cubic foot.

Residential and commercial rates are as follows:

First	500 cu. ft.	\$ 1.85 minimum bill (1)
Next	500 cu. ft.	1.50 per 1,000 cu. ft.
Next	3,000 cu. ft.	1.25 per 1,000 cu. ft.
Next	6,000 cu. ft.	1.05 per 1,000 cu. ft.
Next	10,000 cu. ft.	0.90 per 1,000 cu. ft.
Next	20,000 cu. ft.	0.85 per 1,000 cu. ft.
Next	40,000 cu. ft.	0.75 per 1,000 cu. ft.

Rate - Industrial

Same as residential and commercial except \$.75 per cubic foot for all over 40,000 cubic feet.

(1) Note: Minimum monthly bill for large commercial and industrial \$.60¢ per 1,000 straight.

### Liquified Petroleum

Liquified petroleum gas is available from distributors in Glasgow and Horse Cave, Kentucky.

### Coal

Edmonton is served by the Western Kentucky Coal Field with delivery by truck from Glasgow and by the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field with delivery by truck from the railhead at Greensburg, Kentucky.

### Fuel Oil

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

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

## WATER AND SEWERAGE

### Water

The Edmonton Water Works, a municipally owned company, serves 341 customers in the city. Water is drawn from Douglas Creek and a spring-fed municipally owned lake. The treatment plant which filters and chlorinates the water has a maximum capacity of 172,800 gallons per day.

Average daily use is 75,000 gallons and maximum use has reached 96,000 gallons. Distribution lines are 4 and 6 inches in diameter; pressure is maintained at 75 psi. Storage capacity is 185,000 gallons by means of an 85,000-gallon standpipe and a 100,000-gallon standpipe.

Monthly water rates are:

2,000 gallons and under	\$4.30		
2,000 to 10,000 gallons	.11	per	100 gallons
10,000 to 20,000 gallons	.085	per	100 gallons
20,000 to 25,000 gallons	.0704	per	100 gallons
25,000 to 30,000 gallons	.050	per	100 gallons
All over 30,000 gallons	.40	per	1,000 gallons

### Sewerage

The Edmonton Water Works and Sewer Board operates the sewerage system serving 265 customers. The system is designed to serve a population of 900 and has a design flow of 90,000 gpd. Disposal is by means of a lagoon. The sewer mains are flushed out weekly with high pressure water.

The sewerage rate is 100 percent of the monthly water bill with a minimum charge of \$4.30.

## AGRICULTURE-NATURAL RESOURCES-CLIMATE

### Agriculture

The approximate total land area of Metcalfe County is 189,400 acres, with 75 percent of the acres devoted to farm land. In 1964, there were 1,530 farms in the county, with an average size of 93 acres.

Farm income in the county is largely from the production of burley tobacco, supplemented by dairying, cattle, and hogs. The 1964 value of sales of all farm products totaled \$5,848,758, averaging \$3,823 per farm. Crop sales totaled \$3,703,425; livestock and livestock products totaled \$2,145,051.

In 1967, agricultural production in Metcalfe County included 4.4 million pounds of burley tobacco, 737,000 bushels of corn, and 8,080 tons of alfalfa hay. Livestock on farms on January 1, 1968, included 22,300 cattle and calves, and 6,200 hogs and pigs. Milk cows on farms during 1966 averaged 7,000 head, with milk production for the year totaling 42.3 million pounds.

### Mineral Resources

Mineral resources currently being exploited in the county are petroleum and limestone. Undetermined quantities and qualities of clay, natural gas, and small deposits of sand-gravel have been observed, but no commercial utilization has been developed.

Through 1968 an accumulative total of 2,213,629 barrels of oil had been produced. A total of 117,715 barrels was produced in 1968. In 1967, total production amounted to \$403,381 in producing 139,097 barrels.

In certain cases, oil has been found to occur at inexpensive exploration depths - from 400 to 500 feet - and under such economic circumstances the search for oil at these shallow depths is sure to continue in Metcalfe County.

Limestone suitable for concrete, roads, and agstone occurs locally in the county. In 1968, one quarry was in operation. Limestone is more abundant in the northwest portion of the county.

### Water Resources

Little Barren River and South Fork of Little Barren River afford the largest supply of surface water in the county. Other sources may be

secured by impounding small streams. The average discharge of the South Fork of Little Barren is 26.3 cfs (26 years record).

In the northwestern quarter of the county, an expected yield of ground water is 5-50 gpm, and in the extreme western portion 50-200 is expected. Both offer potential for industrial water supplies. Exceptions may be found in restricted areas.

### Forests

There are 87,500 acres of commercial forest land in Metcalfe County, covering 46.2 percent of the total land area. The most abundant species are white oaks, red oaks, hickories, yellow poplar, beech, hard maple, and ash.

In Kentucky, within a 50-mile radius of Edmonton, there are 1,939,000 acres of commercial forest land. In 1962, 137 million board feet of timber was harvested from this area.

The Kentucky Department of Natural Resources provides fire protection to forests of the whole area.

### Climate

Edmonton's climate is somewhat milder than that found in more northern Kentucky cities. Average minimum temperatures range from 30 to 67.9°F. Average highs range from 47.9 to 87.6°F. The daily averages range from 39.5 to 77.8°F. This minimizes the amount of residential and commercial heating or cooling required.

The majority of the days are clear or partly cloudy, 99 and 109 days, respectively. Cloudy (157) or foggy (30) days are less frequent. December through March is the period of heaviest rainfall and snowfall with yearly precipitation averaging 47.79 inches. Prevailing winds are northeasterly and generally light.



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Structure

Edmonton is a sixth-class city governed by a mayor elected for four years and a board of trustees elected for two-year terms.

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

### Finance

The Edmonton general income for the year ending December 31, 1968, totaled \$20,208. Expenditures for the same period were \$19,443. Edmonton had a bonded indebtedness of \$97,482 as of December 31, 1968.

Metcalfe County's estimated budget for the fiscal year 1968-69 was \$92,482.

### Taxes

Property taxes are the major source of income for Edmonton and Metcalfe County. According to the Kentucky Constitution, property must be assessed at 100 percent of current valuation. Net assessed value of property in Metcalfe County is as follows:

<u>Major Classes of Property</u>	<u>Metcalfe County</u> <sup>15/</sup>
Real Estate	\$27,911,464
Tangibles	4,012,346
Public Service	219,242

Property tax rates for Edmonton and Metcalfe County are shown on the following page.

TABLE 9

PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE FOR  
EDMONTON AND METCALFE COUNTY, 1968 <sup>16/</sup>

Taxing Unit	Edmonton	Metcalf County
State	\$ .015	\$ .015
County	.108	.108
School	.474	.474
City	<u>.175</u>	<u>          </u>
Total	\$ .772	\$ .597

The City of Edmonton requires a business license which ranges from \$15 to \$30 annually.

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

#### Codes

Edmonton has adopted all major codes and ordinances.

#### Safety

Fire: Edmonton's Fire Department is staffed by a chief and eight volunteers, using two vehicles. Edmonton has a Class-7 American Insurance Association fire rating.

The county also has a volunteer fire department with its headquarters in Edmonton.

Police: Police protection is provided by a police chief and two patrolmen. The city owns a radio-equipped patrol car.

The Metcalfe County Sheriff's Office is staffed by a sheriff and one deputy who utilize two privately owned, radio-equipped cars.

#### Sanitation

Garbage removal is provided by a private contractor who collects garbage weekly in the business and residential areas. Contracts must be negotiated individually for business firms. The residential rate is \$2 per month.

The city has a contract for street cleaning.

## HEALTH

### Hospitals

Although there is no hospital in Edmonton, full hospital care is available only 20 minutes away in Glasgow at the T. J. Sampson Community Hospital. This general facility is staffed by 31 medical doctors, 18 registered nurses, 38 licensed practical nurses, and 120 aides and orderlies. The total staff is 208. The hospital contains 141 beds and 24 bassinets and is currently undergoing expansion to immerge bed space and treatment facilities. The expansion should be completed in January, 1970, at a cost of \$1,600,000.

### Rest Homes

Harpers Home for the Aged has 28 beds and a full-time staff.

### Public Health

The Metcalfe County Health Department is located in Edmonton. The full-time staff includes one registered nurse and one sanitarian. Services provided include: immunization and tests, venereal disease control, tuberculosis control, maternal and child health program, pre-school examinations, general sanitation and laboratory service, cancer testing, hearing tests and vital statistics. The Mental Health and Retardation Association also has facilities in Edmonton and provides professional service.

The county health department also has the assistance of a doctor and dentist as required.

## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Housing

Rental housing is limited in Edmonton; however, land for construction of new houses is available. The minimum construction cost of a three-bedroom brick or stone veneer house with 1 1/2 baths is \$12,000.

### Communication

Telephone: The General Telephone Company of Kentucky, with offices in Glasgow, serves 5,800 customers in the Edmonton area with a dial system.

Telegraph: Western Union telegraph service is available in Edmonton.

Postal: Edmonton has a second-class post office with ten employees. It serves three rural routes, four star routes, and the residential and business sections with one delivery daily. Mail is received and dispatched twice daily by truck. The new post office building was completed in 1965. The 1968 postal receipts totaled \$25,000.

Newspapers: The Edmonton Herald-News, a weekly newspaper, is published each Thursday. Its circulation totals 2,075 in Edmonton and Metcalfe County. Daily newspapers are received from Louisville and Glasgow, Kentucky.

Radio: Radio reception is excellent from Glasgow, Columbia, Bowling Green, and Munfordville, Kentucky.

Television: Edmonton receives television signals clearly from stations in Bowling Green and Louisville, Kentucky, and Nashville, Tennessee. Edmonton also receives the Kentucky Educational Television Network programs. All television reception is by antenna.

### Libraries

The Metcalfe County Public Library serves Edmonton and Metcalfe County. A bookmobile serves the rural areas of the county, stopping at stations located in stores and at schools. The complete circuit has 36 stops.

The library is preparing to move operations into a new building which is under construction.

### Churches

There are five churches in Edmonton representing the following denominations: Baptist, Methodist, and Church of Christ.

### Financial Institutions

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Statement as of December 31, 1968</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Edmonton State Bank	\$6,021,608.62	\$5,434,891.07

### Hotels and Motels

Cane Hill Motel	12 units
Suburban Motel	4 units

### Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic: Lions Club, Committee for Metcalfe County, Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees

Fraternal: Masonic Lodge

Women's: Senior Women's Club, Younger Woman's Club, Eastern Star, Homemakers

Youth: 4-H Club, FFA, FHA, Beta Club

Other: Sportsman Club

### Recreation

Local: Recreational facilities in Metcalfe County presently consist of a baseball diamond at the high school, and a lighted baseball diamond at the fair grounds. Fifty-five acres of land have been donated to Edmonton for a recreation area. Plans are under way to construct a 25-acre lake and 30-acre recreation area with features for many types of outdoor recreation. The lake should be opened during the year of 1969.

Area: Excellent recreational facilities are available near by at Lake Cumberland and Dale Hollow Lake. Mammoth Cave National Park is located only 40 miles west of Edmonton and offers some of the best outdoor recreational facilities in the state.

The recently completed Barren River Reservoir provides additional boating and fishing areas to the Edmonton area.

Other: College sports are available in Bowling Green, while professional sports may be found in Louisville, 100 miles north of Edmonton. Music and drama are offered in both Lexington and Louisville as well as in Bowling Green, Somerset, and Columbia on the college level.

Community Improvements

Public: Water plant facilities improved and municipal sewerage disposal system completed - new library building under construction - 55-acre recreation area being planned - elementary center, music center and vocational agricultural shop planned.

Business and Industrial: New bank, new supermarket, new post office building.

## HISTORY

Metcalfe County dates from 1860 and was the 106th county formed in the state. As usual when a new county was formed it obtained its territory from the surrounding counties. The geography of the county varies from river bottom meadows to rolling hills, with varied soil types. These combine to give the county a diversified agricultural base and an interesting natural setting.

Early settlement started in the mid 1770's. The majority of the early settlers had taken part in the American Revolutionary War and came west to Kentucky to claim lands awarded for service during the war. One of the most outstanding was Edmond P. Rogers for whom Edmonton was named.

Metcalfe County was named for General Thomas Metcalfe who was a stonemason, soldier, state legislator, United States Congressman, Governor, and United States Senator.

Early settlers were concerned primarily with agriculture but the early leaders wanted to expand the economy to include commerce and therefore strongly supported the development of the Natchez Trace and other ventures which would lead to increased trade through Edmonton.

In recent years Eugene Newman was perhaps one of the best known citizens of Metcalfe County. He wrote a collection of sketches about the Pennyrile area of the state.

Metcalfe County has always been interested in politics and has had the youngest county judge ever elected in the Commonwealth. The young man was only 21 years of age when he started his term.

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