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POPULATION, 1950: Burgin - 777; Mercer County - 14,643
1958 estimate: Burgin - 877; Mercer County - 13,711

BURGIN LABOR SUPPLY AREA: Includes Mercer and the following adjoining Kentucky counties: Anderson, Boyle, Garrard, Jessamine, Washington and Woodford. Estimated number of workers available in the labor supply area - 3,064 men and 3,710 women. Estimated number available from Mercer County 643 men and 262 women.

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES IN COVERED EMPLOYMENT, THIRD QUARTER, 1959: Mercer County - \$58.60 for all industries; \$70.11 for manufacturing. Kentucky - \$78.90 for all industries; \$89.28 for manufacturing.

EXISTING INDUSTRY:

Firm	Product	Employment		
		Male	Female	Total
Lloyd T. Brown	Plywood boats	1	0	1
Burgin Block & Brickcrete Co.	Concrete blocks	3	0	3
Clell Coleman & Sons	Flour & corn meal	15	3	18
Kentucky Molded Boats	Fiberglas boats	2	0	2
Schenley Distillers, Inc.	Distilled spirits	10	0	10
Burgin Tool & Machinery Co.	Tools & dies	4	0	4

TRANSPORTATION:

Railroads: Burgin is served by the main line of the Southern Railway System.

Highways: Burgin is served by Kentucky State Routes 33 and 152.

Truck Lines: The following truck lines serve Burgin: Davenport's Transfer, Lawrenceburg Transfer Company, McDuffee Motor Freight, Inc., and Sutton Transfer, Inc.

Airways: The nearest commercial airport is Blue Grass Field located in Lexington, 40 miles from Burgin. The Harrodsburg-Mercer County Airport, a Class III airport, is located approximately 6 1/2 miles from Burgin.

UTILITIES:

Electricity: Burgin is served by Kentucky Utilities.

Natural Gas: Burgin is served by the Western Kentucky Gas Company.

Water: Burgin has a municipally owned water system. The water is purchased from the City of Harrodsburg on a contract basis.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Postal Facilities: Burgin has a third class post office with 3 employees.

Telephone and Telegraph: Burgin is served by the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. Western Union facilities are also available.

INDUSTRIAL SITES: Burgin has several tracts of land which would be available to industry.

CITY SERVICES:

Fire Protection: Burgin has a volunteer fire department consisting of 18 men. Equipment includes a 1959 American LaFrance fire truck with a 500 gpm pump.

Police Protection: Police protection is provided by two policemen. Equipment includes one car which is privately owned.

Garbage and Sanitation: Garbage collection is by private contract.

TAXES: The 1959 property tax rate per \$100 of assessed value for Burgin was \$2.80; for Mercer County \$2.11. The ratio of assessment in Mercer County is 33 1/3%.

LOCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Housing: There are several building lots available in Burgin. The construction cost for 2 and 3 bedroom houses averages \$13,000.

Health: The James B. Haggin Memorial Hospital, a modern hospital with 50 beds, is located in Harrodsburg, 5 miles from Burgin.

Education: The Burgin elementary school has an enrollment of 219 students and the high school has an enrollment of 73 students. Plans are under way for a \$30,000 addition to the chemistry department.

Libraries: Burgin is served by the Harrodsburg Public Library.

Churches: There are five churches in Burgin representing the following denominations: Baptist, Catholic and Methodist.

Banks: Citizens Bank and Trust Company. Total resources as of December 31, 1959 - \$1,043,918.09.

Newspapers: The Harrodsburg Herald, a weekly newspaper with an average circulation of 3,500, serves Mercer County and Burgin. Louisville and Lexington newspapers are received daily.

Radio and Television: Burgin is served by radio stations WHBN in Harrodsburg and WHIR in Danville. Television reception is from Lexington, Louisville and Cincinnati.

Clubs and Organizations: Lions Clubs and Homemakers.

Recreation: The following facilities are available in the Burgin area: Herrington Lake, Herrington Woods Country Club, lighted football field and basketball facilities. Harrodsburg, which is five miles west of Burgin, offers many recreational facilities to the citizens of Burgin.

Community Improvements: Some of the recent or planned improvements in Burgin include the following: Construction of a new \$10,000 city hall; purchase of a new American LaFrance fire truck; extension of new water lines; installation of new street lights; and plans are under way for a \$30,000 addition to the Burgin High School.

CLIMATE: Climate in Kentucky is moderate, with the annual temperature in Burgin averaging 57.8 degrees. January is the coldest month, with an average temperature of 36.8 degrees. July is the warmest month, with an average temperature of 78.1 degrees. Annual rainfall averages 43.65 inches. There is an average of 129 clear days, 106 partly cloudy days, and 130 cloudy days. The growing season averages 191 days per year.