

OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMPREHENSIVE REPORT - Leflore County Area
Development Committee

Gwood 99 mi from Jackson; 1000 from NY

Greenwood Leflore: last chief of the Choctaw nation

av midsummer temp: 82.2

Gwd pop 1960: 20,436

"Characteristics of Population: White--49.6%; Colored--50.4%" (Gwd)

Total pop, Leflore: 47,142

White: 16,699

Non-white: 30,443

Urban: 20,436

Rural: 18,152

(US Census of Pop, 1960)

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167
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334

Nonwhite male

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Under 5: 2,569

5 - 14: 4,225

15-24 : 2,251

25-34 : 960

35-44 : 1,146

45-54: 1,231

"There are more people within a 60-mile radius (over 600,000) of Greenwood than any other city in the state. This represents 30% of the total state population."

	1960	1950	1940
Labor force	16,398	18,755	22,564
Agricultural	4,816	8,256	13,027

Gwd one afternoon daily exc Sun: Gwd Commonwealth. 2 radio stations, 1 TV.

"The general hospital which serves both races has 165 beds, 130 for whites and 35 for Negroes. Within the county there are 2 nursing homes with 160 beds available for whites."

	White	Negro
Doctors	27	2
Dentists	14	2
Nurses	80	5
(Gwd)		
grade schools	3 (2,328 pup)	3 (1,709)
high schools	2 (726)	1 (796)

Police: Sheriff and 6 deputies. Gwd police force - 30 men and 8 women.

4 radio controlled cars, 2 radio controlled motorcycles, 1 service motorcycle.

Miss State Hiway Patrol district office: 1 radio station; 23 patrolmen in immediate area.

Fire: 26 men.

Agriculture. 334,196 of the 376,320 acres in farms - 88.8% of total acreage. Average size of the farm has increased in the past 10 years from 56.2 to 195.2 acres. 81,923 acres ~~in~~ of cotton.

Income (No. of families)	No.	Percent
under \$1000	2,305	22.72
1000-1999	2366	23.33
2000-2999	1400	13.81
3000-3999	890	8.78
(thereafter steadily down, to:)		
25,000 and over	36	.36

Housing		
Sound	7,342	
Deteriorating	4,585	
Dilapidated	1,443	
(All housing unites	13,370)	

Hot & cold water	6,760	6760
Only cold water	1,865	1865
Toilets	8,224	8625
Bathtub or shower	7,049	
Built 55 to 60	796	
Built before 1930	6,764	

Largest industry: Baldwin Piano Co - 265 employees

"Below is a listing of the goals that the committee feels are most important and at this time should be considered first in action plans.

1. Watershed projects
 2. Sanitary sewage system in connection with Big Sand Watershed Project
 3. Sheltered workshop for handicapped people
 4. Treat 18,000 acres of cropland to reduce erosion
 5. Treat 107,000 acres of cropland to remove the hazard of excess water
 6. Preservation of the family farm."
- ...and so on up to 13, including "Expand and improve more wildlife and hunting facilities."

MISSISSIPPI OFFICIAL AND STATISTICAL REGISTER 1960-64

"In front of the portico of the (new) Capitol (at Jackson) is a striking monument which is dedicated to the Women of the Confederacy...representing a Southern woman giving first aid to a dying soldier, comforting him and later placing on his brow the wreath of immortal fame....The base...bears ~~the~~ inscriptions to: OUR MOTHERS, OUR WIVES, OUR DAUGHTERS, OUR SWEETHEARTS."

"An Act of Congress of Dec 10, 1817, admitted Miss to the Union, as the twentieth state. On Jan 8, 1861, Miss became the second state to secede from the Union. More than 80,000 Mississippians served in the Confederate States Army. After the fall of the Confederacy, in 1865, and the unnecessarily cruel Reconstruction, Miss was re-admitted to the Union in 1870."

MISSISSIPPI MISSES AMERICA (59 & 60)

Grwood
 Sheriff: John Ed Cothran
 Circuit Clerk: Mrs. Martha Turner Lamb