

SNCC Research
Atlanta, Georgia
August 27, 1965

BOLIVAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

County seats-

Cleveland, pop. 10,172
Rosedale, pop. 2,339
county pop. - 54,464
Negroes 36,701
% Negro 68%
pop. change, 1950-60 - loss
of 13%

Other towns, population

Alligator	227	Lamont	175	Shelby	2384
Benoit	453	Merigold	602	Skene	200
Beulah	421	Mound Bayou	354	Stringtown	150
Boyle	848	Pace	420	Waxhaw	200
Cleveland		Perthshire	500	Winstonville	327
Deeson	300	Roundlake	206	Wright	100
Buncan	465	Scott	350	Wyandotte	315
Gunnison	448	Shaw	2062		

State representatives--Walter Sillers of Rosedale (speaker of the House, member since 1916); Dana C. Moore of Cleveland (member of Citizens Council and Delta Council); J.A. Thigpen of Cleveland (member of Citizens Council, agent of Standard Oil Co., real estate broker)
State Senator - William B. Alexander of Cleveland (lawyer, firm of Alexander, Feduccia, and Alexander, MEC bd. of directors 1963-4, represents So. Bell U.S. Congressman - Jamie L. Whitten, of Charleston (Tallahatchie Co.) - Tel. 2nd Cong. District - Whitten is the fourth ranking Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, has been in Congress since 1941.

Education

1957 education budget - \$2,348,000
median school years completed - 6.6
Negroes - 4.7

	white	Negro
schoolchildren	5138	11,739
elementary	3101	10,387
high school	1207	1,257

annual family income

income	number of families		median family income
	white	Negro	
\$000-1000	299	2967	all families \$1768
1000-2000	570	2528	whites \$4400
2000-3000	554	844	Negroes \$1198
3000-4000	542	325	
4000-5000	509	106	
5000-6000	543	51	
6000-7000	406	45	
7000-8000	250	27	
8000-9000	215	16	
9000-10000	120	16	
over 10,000	346	11	

occupations of Negro workers

domestic workers	978, or 37% of all Negro women employed
farmers	734, or 13% of all Negro men employed
farm laborers	3297, or 55% of all Negro men employed
laborers	474, or 8% of all Negro men employed
factory workers	322, or 5% of all Negro men employed

labor force	Negro	white
men	6006	4432
women	2675	1994
unemployed	1117	285
% of work force	13%	4%

politics

	Democratic	Republican	Unpledged
1960 Presidential vote	1119	1012	1538
1964 Presidential vote	740	4607	

voter registration	white	Negro
eligible	10,502	14,920
registered (as of 1962)	4603	612

eligible
Registered as of 1962

Education
1957 education

6339
5597
6936

1423 W.P
6339 N.P
7762 T.P

County officials

sheriff	C W Capps jr.	Cleveland (a director of Cleveland
chancery clerk	Hubert B Boykin	Cleveland Chamber of Commerce)
circuit clerk	Mrs. Walter Lewis	Cleveland
supt. of education	Lewis I Myers	Cleveland
tax assessor	G D Criss	Cleveland
county attorney	John W. Valentine	Cleveland
coroner and ranger	John F Fletcher	Cleveland

supervisors

1st district	O J Scott sr.	Gunnison
2nd district	W A Welshans	Rosedale
3rd district	Max L Dilworth	Shelby
4th district	Milton Smith	Cleveland
5th district	Elmer L Prewitt	Boyle

justices of the peace

1st district	Leo H McGee	Gunnison
2nd "	Oma J Reams	Rosedale
3rd "	Alex J H ively	Shelby
3rd "	Joseph Jeffreys	Duncan
4th "	J.D. Wiggins	Cleveland
5th "	Uriah Ray	Boyle
5th "	Wayman Peel	Shaw

constables

1st district	John L Coleman	Gunnison
2nd "	Earl Drurey	Rosedale
3rd "	P H Raiford	Shelby
4th "	Rufus P Walt jr	Cleveland
5th "	Stanley H Weeks	Boyle

Agriculture (figures for 1959)

number of farms	2593 (1954 - 6,833)
average size of farms	181
number of farms under 10 acres	429 (1954 - 1637)
number of farms over 1000 acres	129 (1954 - 89)
percent of farms operated by tenants	56.2%
acres of farmland operated by Negroes	54,741
acres of farmland operated by whites	413,439 (1954 - 352,977)

productsvalues sold, 1959

total	\$37,646,858
all crops	35,199,935
field crops	35,005,278
vegetables	3,104
fruits and nuts	53,531
forest products	137,362
livestock	2,446,923
average value of products sold per farm - 1959	\$14,474; 1954 - \$4,782
number of sharecroppers	1959 - 975 ; 1954 - 4,524

<u>cotton</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>rice</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1954</u>
acres	115,420	137,203	acres	31,685	18,637
farms	2,393	6,518	farms	83	92
bales	147,972	126,449	bushels	1,819,344	1,093,330

Federal Aid to Housing

There is one Federal Housing Authority in Bolivar County. It is located in Shelby, P. O. Box 229, c/o Mr. C. H. Newton, Executive Dir., The Chairman is M. T. Eddleman.

Housing

Housing occupied by owner	5,326
Housing occupied by renter	8,002
Median rent per Month	\$29

(One half of all renters pay more than \$29, and one-half pay less)

Business

Average wage for factory workers	= \$1.50
Manufacturing workers payroll	= \$2 million
Average salary, Retail workers	= \$23 hundred per yr.
Average salary, Service workers	\$19 Hundred per yr.

(Includes workers in hotels, restaurants, automobile repair, recreational services, etc.)

<u>Large Owners of Farm Land</u> <u>Owner or</u> <u>Company</u>	<u>Typical Cotton</u> <u>or</u> <u>Rice Income</u>	<u>Town</u>
J. & V. Aguzzi	\$60,000	Cleveland
Allen Gray Estate	100,000	Benoit
Allendale Planting Co.	28,000	Shelby
F. B. Aylward	45,000	Pace
Barbour Brothers	31,000	Cleveland
Percy Baronet	83,000	Shaw
Baronet & Heger	95,000	Shaw
Baronet & Seligman	43,000	Shaw
Boyd Lane Pltn.	100,000	Gunnison
Bridwell Farms	100,000	Shelby
J. S. Bridwell	32,000	Gunnison
Norman Brown	87,000	Duncan
Cal Busby	45,000	Cleveland
E. E. Cockrell	29,000	Shaw
George W. Cockrell	27,000	Shaw
Cooper & Jefcort	25,000	Shaw
Copps & Copps	69,000 ✓	Cleveland ✓
J. E. & B. Dattel, Est.	40,000	Rosedale
Delta & Pine Land Co.	900,000	Scott ✓
Delta Rice Producers, Inc.	38,000	Shaw
J. A. Ely & Son	58,000	Shaw
L. M. & W. F. Erwin	124,000	Duncan
A. & N. Floranelli	36,000	Cleveland
J. G. Fourlay	25,000	Rosedale
Russel A. Glover	28,000	Duncan
Heinsz & Heinsz	33,000	Shelby
W. B. Holmes	29,000	Cleveland
H. B. Hood	128,000	Duncan
J. A. Howarth, Jr.	190,000	Cleveland ✓
W. H. Howarth	31,000	Skene
D. B. Kitching	29,000	Merigold
Kline Planting Co.	91,000	Alligator
Vera Cole Laudig	34,000	Boyle
H. H. Lawler	95,000	Rosedale
Edward A. Lyons	55,000	Cleveland
McGarrh & McGarrh	34,000	Merigold
R. C. Malone	69,000	Pace
A. R. Mann Jr.	43,000	Skene ✓
Maryland Plantation, Inc.	76,000	Shelby
Mills Brothers	56,000	Benoit
F. H. Nance	34,000	Cleveland
Mrs. Margaret M. Norman	54,000	Cleveland
J. C. O'Neal	92,000	Cleveland
T. E. Patterson	50,000	Shaw
Patterson Bros.	29,000	Merigold
T. E. Pimble	100,000	Merigold ✓
E. D. Rayner	40,000	Merigold ✓
Reynolds & Long Pltg. Co., Inc.,	38,000	Shelby
Jennings F. Riddle	33,000	Shaw
Dominic P. Rizzo	74,000	Cleveland
Charles A. Russell	47,000	Beulah
Dan Seligman	100,000	Shaw
Shelby Farms	80,000	Shelby
W. P. Skelton	25,000	Rosedale
Clarence Smith	28,000	Cleveland
J. R. Smith	122,000	Merigold
John T. Smith	36,000	Cleveland
W. T. Tullos, Jr.	25,000	Pace
Sunrise Dairy	92,000	Cleveland
Nott Wheeler	79,000	Cleveland
J. I. Wilson Jr.	34,000	Rosedale

Prominent Lawyers

1. Wm. B. Alexander, J. C. Feduccia, Wm/B. Alexander Jr.
Representative Clients: Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co.,
Misceramic Tile Co., Cleveland. General Counsel: Mutual Life Insurance Co.
2. John T. Smith, W. E. O'Hare, Albert B. Smith, Jr.
Representative Clients: Bank of Cleveland, Bank of Shaw, Bank of Shelby,
Grenada Bank. Local Counsel for: Federal Land Bank of New Orleans.
Approved Attorneys For: Miss. Title Insurance Co., Lawyers Title Insurance
Corp. Kansas City Title Insurance Co.

Major employers

BAXTER LABORATORIES * 350 employees in Cleveland, 3825 nationally; sales range \$25-50 million per year; headquarters in Morton Grove, Illinois; plant manager John F. Homan; makers of intravenous medical solutions
officers (all directors) other connections

chmn Ralph Falk II director of Benner Tea Co.; Entech Corp. dir.
 pres. William B Graham dir. of Hyland Laboratories; E J Brach & Sons dir.
 pres. Fred W Marquart
 v.p. John W Knowlton attorney
 dir. Marian C Falk mother of Ralph Falk II
 dir. E H Travis v.p. Robert Heller Associates, Inc.
 dir Roy C Ingersoll chmn of Borg-Warner Corp.; chmn of Chicago, R.I. & Pacific RR, dir of Kelsey-Hayes Co.; dir. of Byron Jackson of Canada Ltd.; dir of York Corp

MISCERAMIC TILE CORP. - 250 employees, sales range \$1-3 million per year; headquarters in Cleveland, Miss.; makers of ceramic wall & floor tile
officers other connections

chmn emeritus John D. Wise, Hazlehurst, Miss.
 pres S. Edward Kossman dir. Standard Life Ins. of the South, Cleve. St Bank
 vp R E Hornberg
 treas J T Robinson
 sec'y Earl Graves
 sales mgr. Jack J Leppert
 dir William B Alexander jr MEC dir., state legislator, lawyer (see page three)
 dir M D Buckels jr
 dir N L Cassibry jr
 dir Chester A Clark
 dir James T Davis
 dir J R Denton Denton Dairy Products (see below)
 dir Tom Garrett jr
 dir Norman B Gillis
 dir W Carey Hansard
 dir W P McMullan jr vp of Newton Co. Bank, vp Deposit Guaranty Bk & Tr,
 dir William L McMulluen Miss. Power & Light (father) dir., several other banks
 dir Dr. J C Russel
 dir M C Toler

DENTON DAIRY PRODUCTS, INC. - 50 employees, Joe R Benton president; makers of ice cream; plant in Cleveland

ALABAMA METAL PRODUCTS - total of 5400 employees, 200 of which are in Ex Rosedale, local manager Joe M Morris; Rosedale plant makes Metal cabinets. Ala. Metal Products ("Alamet") is a subsidiary of CALUMET & HECLA, whose board of directors are: other connections

C. Chester Jung, chairman Hayward Hosiery, General Finance Corp., Lake Chemical Co., Goodman Lumber Co., Torch Lake Canal Co., Kewanee Central Railroad, Wolverine Tube Co.
 Horace Y Bassett, pres. Acme Industries, Inc.; Unifin Ltd.; Lake Chemical Co., Elexonics Inc.
 Albert E Peterman, vp California Cold Storage & Distribution Co.
 D W Blend, vp. Calumet subsidiaries
 F J Gibbons, vp Daniel Woodhead Co.
 G R Birkelund, director Consolidated Financial Corp., Medford Corp., West Virginia Pulp & Paper Corp., Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Zonolite Co.
 W C Creft, director Elgin National Watch Co., Pyle-National Co., Uarco, Inc.
 H W Meers, director International Minerals & Chemicals Corp., North American Life Insurance Co., Kroehler Mfg. Co., Dukane Corp., Illinois Tool Works
 Hal A Kroeger, director A & H Kroeger, Electronics Inc, Hudson Wire Co., American-Hawaiian Steamship Co., Hooker Chemical Corp., Jounapak Co., Glen Falls Insurance Co., Vitro Corp., Lease Plan International Corp.

NOTE: Alabama Metallurgical Corporation also has a plant in Selma, Alabama

GRIFFIN LAMP CO. - 55 employees, Harold F Griffin president, makers of directional signals, lamps, and reflectors, located in Shelby

SHELBY DIE CASTING CO. - 30 employees, C D Denton president, Bert Hayes vice president, makers of zinc die castings and aluminum die castings, located in Shelby.