

1 motel with restaurant
1 big restaurant- Blue Grass- noted for best pond-fed catfish -far and wide.
has new dining room facilities for 100 people
First National Bank- been in new, enlarged building-drive-in on Broadway
been in business since 1954.
Drug Store & Gift Shop
Several Beauty shops
Dr. Sydney Dyer- family physician
1 - other doctor comes in 2 days week-(not sure his name) has office near Paul Hankins Ford

LaCenter Fire Dept. & Garage
LaCenter Rural Fire Dept.
several service stations/cut-mart/ Powell Station & muffler repair/replacement
Natural Fragrance- occupies several buildings, hires several people- unique business
ships other countries- owned by Jane Moss.

1 Tobacco Stripping House
Fertilizer Warehouse
3 churches: First Baptist, United Methodist- First Christian

A small section of town where several black families reside(recent years do not have
many black families)
1 carpet shop

When the railroad company abandoned route of trains coming through LaCenter to Cairo, etc.
after period of time all tracks were removed few years ago, land returned to former
owners. Now a number of business places have constructed building and opened store
on highway.

Ballard Memorial High School and Middle School, located just west of LaCenter on Highway
#60, edge of city limits. Enrolment 425 high; 258 Middle School

Vocational School adjoins the high school- a great asset to our county. Not everyone
is college minded/ gives them opportunity to learn more about their talents/skills.

Plans have been outlined, bids for County Metro School System(all elementary schools
be located adjacent to present high & middle school.

Nov. 25-1991, talked to Mrs. Charlene Myers, school secretary- said ground-breaking
for the new Metro School are expected to be announced/made before end of 1991.

Inf. on school provided by Mrs. Myers.

(1) information taken from county weekly newspaper- The Advance-Yeoman. These found
in our Ballard/Carlisle/Livingston Library, located in Wickliffe Courthouse basement.
Some found in file of clippings with no dates. Thought to be during 1974 papers when
emphasis was on Bicentennial & History.

(2) Advance-Yeoman, dated Feb. 24, 1972 feature story on Mr. Jones birthday celebration.
Portions of this from clippings on LaCenter history file in library. Date of items
unknown, again possibly 1974. Much history found in newspapers that year.

Nov. 24- interview with LaCenter Mayor Lamar Bryant. Population has remained about the
same. between 1000-1100. With new senior citizens housing thought increased.
He thought economy was very good- stable at least. Since this is a rural area, majority
farmers, dairymen, and 1991 was a very good year, better than few years prior. Only
1 dairyman went out of business, then he went into hog business. Tobacco(burley)
was bringing better price when market opened this week.

Nov. 26-1991 interview with Joe B. Whipple and talked to others in community they all
thought economy has remained very good. Comments were about same as mayor.

Nov. 26- City Clerk, Lana Chandler said last population figures showed 1,037, but
most of citizens thought it was more than that. About the same.

With variety of businesses, this is employment- giving local people employment and
remain in own community. People in LaCenter believe in supporting local businesses.
This is the secret to community success.