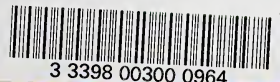


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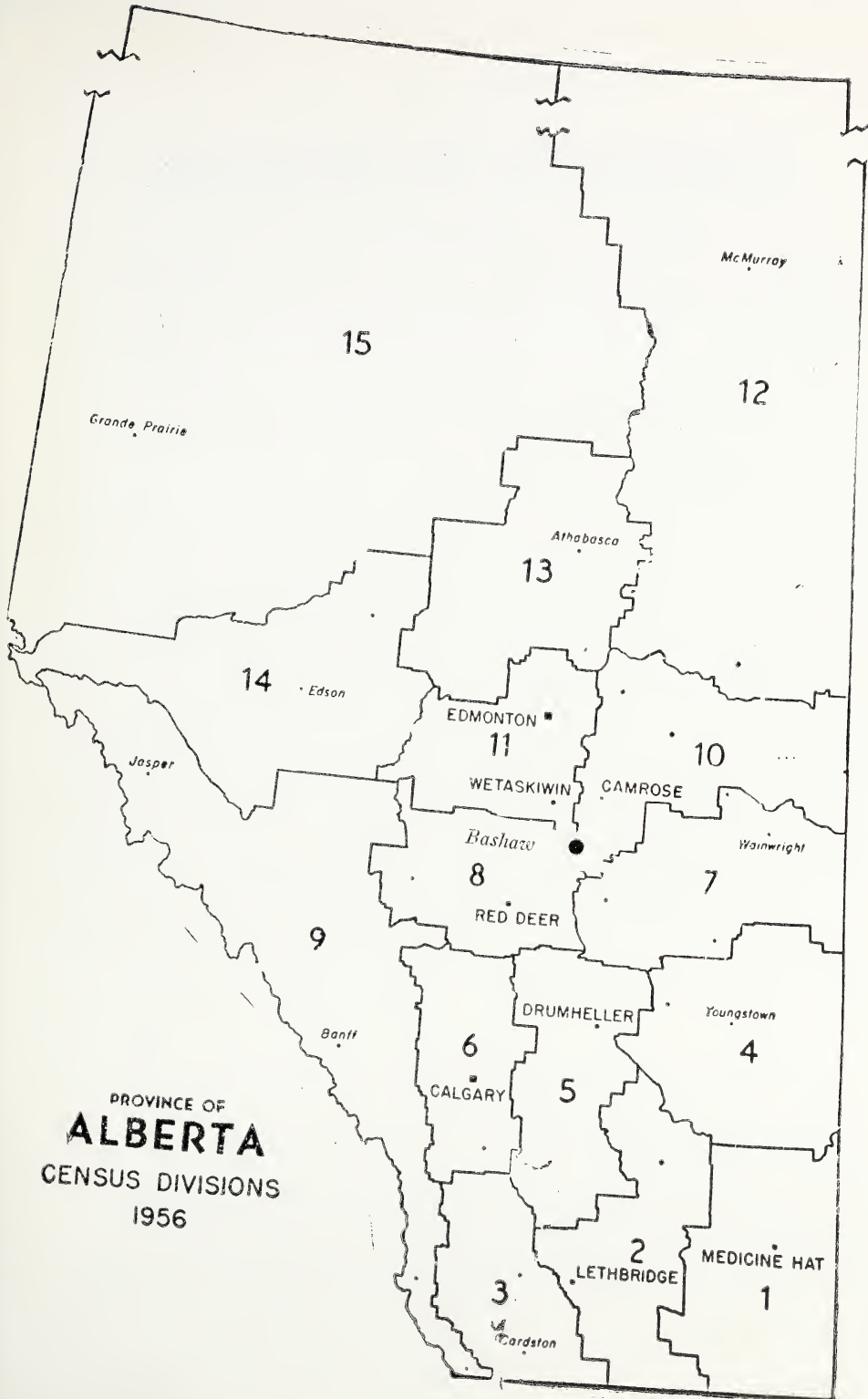
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PROVINCE OF
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1956

VILLAGE OF BASHAW

(July 1960)

1. LOCATION

Northwest quarter of section 4-42-21-W4 in Census Division No. 10. This location is 32 miles southeast of Ponoka on Highway No. 21 and on the Canadian National Railway line Edmonton to Calgary.

2. ALTITUDE

2,618 feet Latitude—52/35 Longitude—112/58

3. TEMPERATURE

Mean summer temperature—56°F
Mean winter temperature—23°F
Average yearly temperature—37°F

4. RAINFALL

Average yearly rainfall—11.66 inches
Average yearly snowfall—56 inches
Total yearly precipitation—16.44 inches

NOTE: The foregoing figures regarding temperature and rainfall are estimated from data obtained from the nearest weather station. There is no definite record of all weather conditions in this district.

5. GEOLOGY

The underlying rocks in this district are shales and sandstones which were deposited by streams in lakes and deltas. These are thus fresh water in origin and are several hundred feet thick in this area. The rocks are grouped together by geologists who call them the "Paskapoo" Formation and who give them an early Tertiary Age, which began some fifty million years ago. Since these rocks were deposited, the North American Continent has been uplifted, consequently the rocks have been eroded and only a fraction of their original thickness remains.

During the Ice Age, glaciers moved over this area depositing on the surface boulder clay and similar glacial deposits, of which many of the hills and elevations in this area consist.

6. SOIL

Bashaw is in the "Black Soil" zone. The following is a description of this soil type.

Climate—Annual precipitation averages between 17 and 19 inches and droughts are unknown. Evaporation is lower and hot winds less frequent than in the other zones.

Vegetation—Grassland which has been partially invaded by woodlands (mainly deciduous trees), often referred to as a parkland.

Soil Profile—The normal profile has a black to very dark brown surface (A) horizon that averages about 12 to 14 inches in depth. The more compact B horizon is brown to dark brown, and the lime layer (Bca) is usually found at 30 to 40 inches below the surface.

Fertility—Soils in this zone are the most fertile in the province and they have in their surface foot about three to four times as much nitrogen and organic matter as there is in the average grey wooded soil. Every precaution should be taken to see that they are not allowed to deteriorate.

Land Use—A high percentage of the zone is arable. Wheat of fairly good quality can be grown, but mixed farming, including the use of fertilizer when needed, is desirable from the standpoint of both profit and permanence.

7. HISTORY

Bashaw was named after Eugene Bashaw, the original owner of the land upon which the village was located.

Before the arrival of the Grand Trunk Railway, the nearest town was eight miles south called Lamerton where the post office was located. The area was first settled in 1894 by emigrants from central Europe, who freighted their household effects by oxen and horses from Lacombe and Ponoka. One of the early freighters was James Gadsby, who, it is said, was a member of the Jesse James gang of outlaws.

In 1910 the railroad reached Bashaw and a person wishing to travel to Calgary had to change trains at Mirror which is 11 miles away.

The business section was started in 1910 and the following are a few of the early businessmen: Dave Pearson - general store, G. Raemer - hardware, W. R. Williams - livery, Stonehouse & Holt - general store, P. J. Naslund - hotel, John Mundy - editor Bashaw Record, Alfred Windsor - postmaster, Tom Scott - prominent rancher, and T. Dyson - early farmer. First mayor was N. E. Ledgerwood.

The first school was of a temporary nature with classes held in the evenings during the winter months. The first school building, which consisted of two rooms, was built in 1912 with the first teacher being James A. Marshall, who still operates a business and is a resident of the village.

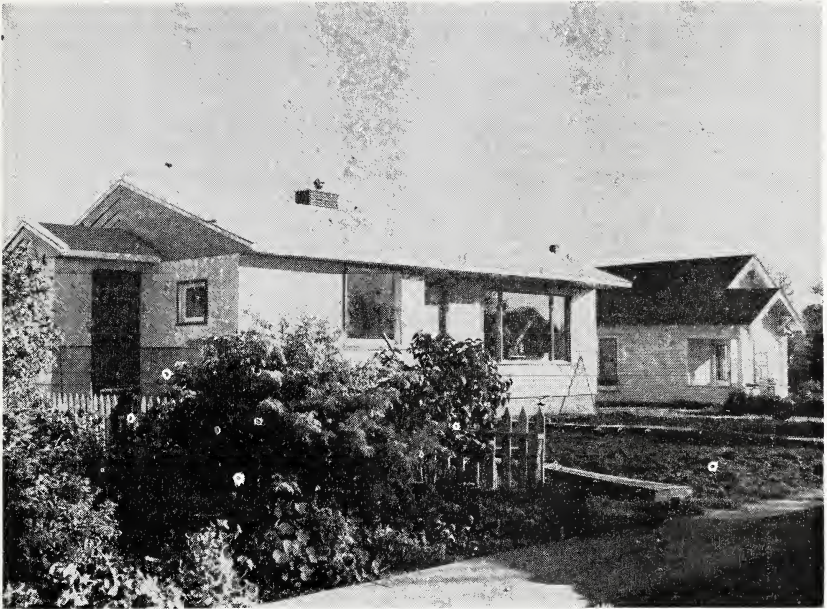
The Union Bank opened a branch in 1912 with a Mr. Baker, the first manager.

The United Church of Canada with the Rev. Wesley Sinclair, supplied the spiritual needs of the community.

8. LIVING CONDITIONS

The village is supported by a prosperous mixed farming district as well as being the centre of an oil and gas field.

Transportation is provided by rail, bus and truck and communication by daily mail, telephone and telegraph.



Modern, well-kept homes line residential streets.

Excellent schools provide educational facilities for Grades 1 to 12 with seven churches providing the spiritual needs of the community.

For the sportsman, there are upland game birds, ducks and geese. For the fisherman, there is excellent fishing for northern pike and jackfish.

9. ADMINISTRATION

The village is governed by a mayor appointed by the council and two councillors, one elected each year for a three-year term. The secretary-treasurer administers the policy set by the council.

10. LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The village has its own building by-laws whereby all new construction, repairs to buildings or removal of buildings must be approved by council after which a permit is issued.

Electrical installations must conform to the Alberta Electrical Protection Act.

Sanitary installations must comply with the Provincial Health Regulations.

The village hires one police constable.

11. FIRE PROTECTION

The fire brigade consists of a fire chief and 19 volunteer firemen.

Equipment—One 500 GPM pumper with 500 gallon water tank.

1,200 feet 2½ inch hose.

350 feet 1½ inch hose.

Fog nozzles, masks, ladders, boots, coats, etc.

Water Supply—Water is obtained from wells and is pumped into two reservoirs of 25,000 and 20,000 gallon capacity.

12. TAX STRUCTURE

	1960 Net Assessment
Land, 100% of value	\$ 80,815
Improvements, 100% of fair value	620,640
Power	19,200
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Total assessment	\$720,655

Mill Rate—Municipal 17, School 34, Hospital 4, Total—55 mills.

13. AREAS

Total area of village—252.33 acres

Streets and roads—43.71 acres

Parks and playgrounds—32.21 acres

Miles of road, streets and lanes—

	Asphalt	Gravel	Unopened	Total
Provincial Main	—	.684	—	.684
Provincial Secondary	—	.904	—	.904
Roads and Streets	—	3.11	—	3.11
Lanes and Alleys	—	1.81	—	1.81
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Total				6.508

There are approximately 3½ miles of cement sidewalk in the village.

14. SEWER AND WATER MAIN MILEAGE

Storm sewers—nil

Sanitary sewers—13,141 feet

Water mains—14,488 feet

15. POWER

Three phase 60 cycle power is supplied to the village by Calgary Power Limited under a franchise, and the main street is lighted by mercury vapour units.

Domestic Rates

First 20 KWH or less used per month—\$2.70 gross.

Discount—30c, making \$2.40 minimum.

All over 20 KWH used per month—1.5c net per KWH.

Discount as shown applies on any bill paid within 10 days of date rendered.

Reconnection charge—twice the net minimum charge.

Commercial Rates

Available for lighting and general service in commercial establishments.
Service charge—first $\frac{1}{2}$ KW of connected load—50c.

each additional $\frac{1}{4}$ KW of connected load—20c
Plus

Energy charge—first 50 KWH per month per KW of installation—
10c per KWH.

next 150 KWH per month per KW of installation—
5c per KWH.

excess KWH per month per KW of installation—
 $2\frac{1}{4}$ c per KWH.

Minimum charge—\$1.80 gross, \$1.50 net.

Discount—10%, 10 days based on the even dollars of total monthly bill, with a minimum discount of 30c per month.

Consumer's deposit—twice the gross monthly minimum charge.

Reconnection charge—twice the net monthly minimum charge.

Power Rates

Available for motors and commercial heating apparatus used in commercial establishments.

Service charge—per KVA of installation (monthly charge)—\$1.00

(one motor horsepower or one kilowatt in heating apparatus considered equal to one kilovolt ampere—KVA).

Plus

Energy charge—first 50 KWH per month per KVA of installation—
5c per KWH.

next 50 KWH per month per KVA of installation—
3 $\frac{1}{3}$ c per KWH.

all over 100 KWH per month per KVA of installation
1 $\frac{2}{3}$ c per KWH.

Discount—10%, 10 days, based on the dollars of total bill with a minimum discount of 30c per month.

Minimum charge—\$3.30 gross, \$3.00 net, or the amount of the service charge, whichever is greater.

Consumer's deposit—\$2.00 per KVA of installation and not less than \$6.00 or at the company's option, twice the estimated bill.

Reconnection charge—\$6.00.

16. WATER

Water is obtained from three wells and is pumped into two reservoirs of 25,000 and 20,000 gallon capacity. The water is then pumped into 6-inch and 8-inch water mains.

Rates—Domestic: \$3.00 per month plus \$2.00 sewerage charge.

Commercial: \$2.50 to \$25.00 per month plus \$1.00 to \$20.00 sewerage charge.

Water Analysis	Parts Per Million
Total Solids	560
Ignition Loss	100
Hardness	210
Sulphates	63
Chlorides	23
Alkalinity	410
Nature of alkalinity—Bicarbonate of Lime, Magnesium and Soda	
Nitrites	trace
Nitrates	trace
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Remarks—This water contains 14.8 grains per gallon soda. Chemically it is suitable but soda content will corrode aluminum and is not good for plants.

17. GAS

Natural gas is supplied under a franchise by Northwestern Utilities Limited, and there are 154 connections.

Rate No. 1—General Rate

Available to all customers.

First 20 therms or less used per month—\$3.00.

All additional therms—7.0c per therm.

Minimum monthly charge—\$3.00.

When accounts are not paid on or before the due date, the charge per therm, other than the first 20 therms, shall be increased by 0.3c and the gross rate so arrived at shall apply.

Rate No. 2—Optional Rate

Available on annual contract to all customers whose annual consumption is more than 8,800 therms.

Fixed charge—\$20.00 per month.

Plus

Commodity charge—4.5c per therm.

Minimum monthly charge—\$20.00.

When accounts are not paid on or before the due date, the charge per therm shall be increased by 0.2c and the gross rate so arrived at shall apply.

This rate is available only on annual contract, which shall continue from year to year thereafter until either party shall give to the other party, at least 30 days prior to the expiration of any such year, a written notice of desire to terminate same whereupon at the expiration of such year, it shall cease and determine.

18. L. P. GAS

Heat value—2,521 b.t.u. per cu. ft. at 60°F.

100 lb bottle—\$6.50.

Bulk—16c per gallon.

Storage capacity—3,000 gallons.

19. DIESEL FUEL

Heat value—135,000 to 140,000 b.t.u. per gallon at 60°F.

Winter grade—18.2c per gallon.

Summer grade—17.2c per gallon.

Storage capacity—17,000 gallons.

20. COAL

Coal is secured from Forestburg and Alix fields.

Price—\$8.50 per ton delivered, mine run, lump.

21. LOCAL RESOURCES

Wheat, coarse grains, dairy products, livestock, poultry and eggs, vegetables, sand and gravel (common), oil and gas, straw.



The elevators at Bashaw serve an extensive grain farm area

22. GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND SERVICES

Federal—Post Office, R.C.M.P. detachment (for rural and highway policing). Option taken for R.C.M.P. barracks in new subdivision.

Provincial—Alberta Government Telephones, Treasury Branch, Liquor Vendors, Department of Highways.

Municipal—Village Secretary-Treasurer, Fire Hall, Police Department, Gas Inspector, Sewer and Water Inspector.

23. HEALTH SERVICES

There is no hospital in the village at the present time. However, the Department of Health has assured the village that a structure is under consideration for the village, perhaps for 1961. The Stettler Health Unit calls monthly.

Other health services—1 resident doctor; 1 drug store.

24. PROFESSIONAL AND SKILLED PERSONAL SERVICES

(Excluding Health Services)

	No. of Establishments
Barristers and Lawyers	1
Accountants	2
Beauty Parlors	1
Barber Shops	2
Watch Repairs	1

25. TRANSPORTATION

Canadian National Railway—Dayliner service, Edmonton to Calgary.

Sunburst Bus Lines—Camrose to Alix via Bashaw.

Transport service—to and from Edmonton and Calgary.

26. NEWSPAPERS

Bashaw Star and Alix Promoter—weekly.

27. COMMUNICATIONS

Canadian National Telegraphs.

Alberta Government Telephones.

Post Office.

Radio Stations at Red Deer, Camrose and Edmonton.

Television Stations at Red Deer and Edmonton.

28. FINANCIAL FACILITIES

Royal Bank of Canada.

Treasury Branch.

29. HOTELS

Commercial Hotel—16 rooms, \$2.50 up single rate, licensed.

30. TOURIST CAMPS

Nil.

31. CHURCHES

United	Anglican
Roman Catholic	Lutheran
Church of God	Nazarene
Bethel Tabernacle	

32. LODGES

Masonic	Eastern Star
Royal Purple	Knights of Columbus
Moose	Women of the Moose
Elks	

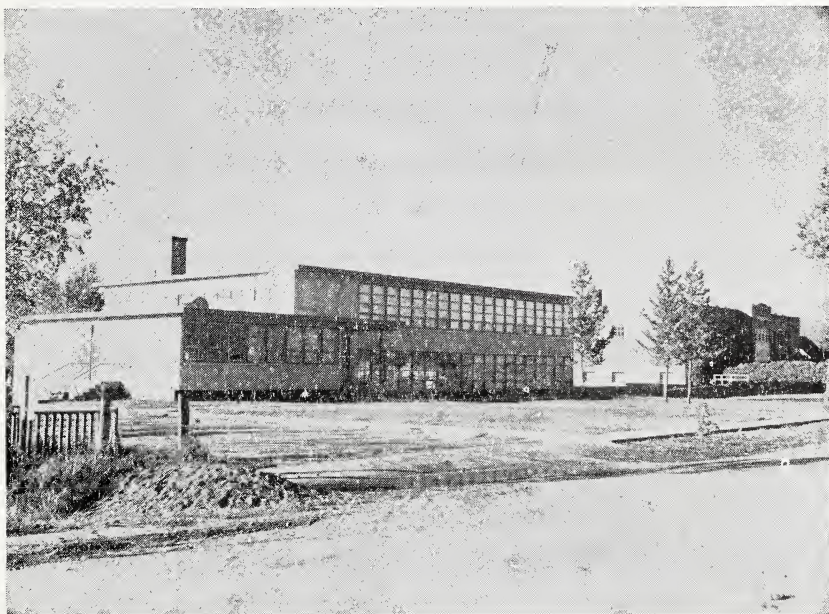
33. SERVICE CLUBS

Chamber of Commerce	Canadian Legion
Women's Institute	Women's Auxiliary Canadian Legion

34. SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

- Anglican Young People's Association
- Evergreen Art Club
- Canadian Red Cross Society
- Home and School Association
- Bashaw Seed Cleaners Association
- Bashaw Feeders' Association

35. EDUCATION



Modern schools serve a wide district

Bashaw is part of the Camrose School Division No. 20. Grades 1 to 12 are taught along with the following optional subjects: typing, French, art, drama.

The school population is made up as follows:

	Grades	No. of Teachers	No. of Pupils
Elementary ..	1 - 6	6	165
Junior High ..	7 - 9	3	94
High	10 - 12	4½	61

36. THEATRES AND HALLS

	Capacity	Stage	Piano
Legion Hall	100	no	no
Dixie Theatre	250	yes	no
Moose Hall	150	yes	yes
Elks Hall	150	yes	yes

37. CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The Bashaw Public Library is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Provincial Government Library Grant and membership fees. The village supplies the building and utilities. The library is open every Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. During the winter months the library is also open on Saturdays from 3 to 5 p.m. There are approximately 3,700 volumes in the library.

Other activities—drama and art at the school.

38. YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Boys

Scouts
Cubs
Army Cadets
4H Club

Girls

A.Y.P.A.
Guides
CGIT
Explorers

39. SPORTS

Baseball (senior and junior), softball, curling, hockey (senior and junior), golf.

Facilities—Nine hole golf course, sand greens.

Baseball diamond.

Sports ground.

Wading pool and playground for children.

Playground at the school.

Covered curling rink—2 sheets natural ice.

Open air hockey and skating rink.

Playground at Pelican Point on Buffalo Lake.

Swimming at Pelican Point on Buffalo Lake.

40. FAIRS

Sports day only.

41. HISTORIC SITES

Cairn marking Bashaw's 50th Anniversary.

42. CO-OPERATIVES

Maple Leaf Co-op Oil Distributors.

U.G.G.

Alberta Wheat Pool.

Bashaw Seed Cleaning Co-op.

43. BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Type of Business or Industry	No. of Establishments	Producer or Manufacturer	Wholesale	Retail
Accountants	2			
Auctioneers	1			
Auto Body Shops	1	1		1
Banks	2			
Bakeries	1	1	1	1
Barbers	2			
Blacksmiths	1	1		1
Building Contractors	1			
Butchers	1			1
Cartage Deliveries	1			
Clothing - Men's	3			3
Clothing - Women's & Children's	3			3
Cold Storage Lockers	1		1	1
Confectioneries	1			1
Creameries	1	1	1	1
Dry Cleaners (agencies)	7			
Drug Stores	1			1
Egg Grading Stations	1		1	
Electrical Appliances (See Hardware)				
Electrical Contractors	1			
Feed Mills	1	1	1	
Finance Offices	1			
Garages & Service Stations	6			6
General Stores	3			3
Grain Elevators	4			
(Total capacity - 486,000 bu.)				
Groceries	3			3
Hair Dressers	1			
Hardware Stores	4			4
Hotels	1			
Implement Dealers - Farm	5			5
Insurance & Real Estate	3			
Jewellers	1			1
Livestock Buyers	3			
L.P. Gas Distributors	1			1
Lumber Yards	1		1	1
Milk Distributors	1		1	1
Oil Distributors	5			5
Painters & Decorators	1			
Pool Rooms	1			
Printers	1	1	1	1
Restaurants	3			
Seed Mills	1	1	1	
Shoe Repairs	1			
Tire Shops	1	1		1
Transports	2			
Truckers - Custom	6			
Variety Stores	1			1
Welding & Machine Shops	1	1		1
Woodcrafts	1	1		1

44. SITES

Industrial and residential sites can be purchased from the village at reasonable prices. A new sub-division has just been taken into the village limits on the west.

45. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

A livestock cash crop type of farming is general in the Bashaw district. Grain and cattle receipts each provide about one-third of total farm cash income, hogs about one-sixth and dairy one-tenth. According to the 1956 census, an average of five cows and forty laying hens per farm are kept. In the last twenty years, the area seeded to wheat has decreased while barley production has increased.

The average size of farm in the district is close to four hundred acres. Three-quarters of the land is owned by the operators; two-thirds of the occupied land is improved. Farm mechanization is well advanced; 70 percent of the farmers are equipped with high-line power.

46. TRADING AREA

North—20 miles; West—18 miles; South—10 miles; East—24 miles.

47. POPULATION

Trading area population, 1956 census—9,353.

Village population, 1956 census—597.

Village population, June 30, 1960—640 estimate.

