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## Our County's Growth

Last week the preliminary census figures showed that Adams county has gained 2,099 in population since 1950, a phenomenal jump, unequaled here since 1890, when the 50-year-old county gained 4,796.

Most of the growth in the county during the past 50 years has been in Decatur and Berne. In fact, following a pattern set when the county was first established in 1836, two-thirds of the population still remains in the northern one-third of the county.

The growth pattern established by Adams county is due primarily to industrial growth in both Decatur and Berne. This is easily seen when other rural-type counties are compared with Adams.

Take neighboring Wells county for example. With the growth in Bluffton of Franklin Electric and other small industries, Wells county has grown in the past ten years to 21,075, an increase of 1,511. But Wells county is still a long way from the population of 23,449 reached in 1900, when rural settlers were at their peak. Wells county declined to 22,418 in 1910, and 20,509 in 1920, and 19,564 in 1950. This was the first gain, then, for Wells county since 1900. The population of Wells county in 1840, the first census of that area, was 1,822, as compared with 2,264 for Adams county that year.

Adams county also dropped in population after 1900, but the establishment of GE here in 1920 almost overcame the depression of 1929, with a loss of 546 being recorded in 1930. By 1940 the growth of GE, and the establishment of Central Soya here led to a jump in population of nearly 1,300, with a similar growth in 1950 over 1940 figures.

The following table shows the census figures for the past 120 years in Adams county, and the growth or loss of population, based on U. S. Census figures.

Year	Population	Growth	Year	Population	Growth
1840	2,264		1900	22,232	2,051
1850	5,797	3,533	1910	21,840	- 392
1860	9,252	3,455	1920	20,503	- 1,337
1870	11,382	2,130	1930	19,957	- 546
1880	15,385	4,003	1940	21,254	1,297
1890	20,181	4,796	1950	22,393	1,139
			1960	24,492	2,009

Adams county, Decatur and Berne will have every opportunity to grow even more in the future. With the north part of the county furnishing residences for the Fort Wayne industrial area, and with aggressive groups pushing for the development of both Decatur and Berne, everything is in favor of increased prosperity and development for Adams county.

## TV PROGRAMS

Central Daylight Time

## WANE-TV

Channel 15

WEDNESDAY

Evening  
6:00—Life of Riley  
6:30—Tom Edwards News  
7:00—Lock Up  
7:30—Be Our Guest  
8:30—Men In Space  
9:30—I've Got A Secret  
10:00—Circle Theatre  
11:00—Phil Wilson News  
11:15—Holidays

THURSDAY

7:30—Peppermint Theater  
7:45—The Wonder  
8:00—CBS News  
8:15—Captain Kangaroo  
9:00—Cuppa Cuppa Theater  
10:00—On The Go  
11:00—I Love Lucy  
11:30—December Bride

FRIDAY

12:00—Love of Life  
12:30—Search For Tomorrow  
12:45—Guiding Light

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