

Facts About Hemphill and Vicinity Population, 3100

Hemphill is the County seat of Sabine County which is bounded by Shelby, San Augustine, and Newton Counties, and Sabine river. Its central location makes it easily accessible from all parts of the County and a very desirable site for the County seat. It is also favorably located in regard to resources and climatic conditions being situated in a heavily timbered section where labor is plentiful and opportunities for development numerous. Its altitude is 200 ft. and average rainfall is 45 in.

The future of Hemphill is promising. One of the most important steps in its history is its recent incorporation and consequent civic as well as political improvement. A wide awake Chamber of Commerce of over one hun-

dred members has been organized and is being assisted by a cooperative and enthusiastic populace in its efforts to clean up the town and ^{to} secure better conditions and more conveniences, chief of which is a project for getting branch connection with that great natural gas line now within our reach.

Another movement ^{is} under way for getting and controlling our own ~~water~~ light and sewer system, the latter of which we are without at present, and the former of which is now furnished by the Temple Lumber Company plant. Furthermore, within the next thirty days, according to plans, our streets will be paved and three new brick buildings will be erected in our town. Even now the main highways of Sabine County are being widened and prepared for asphaltting.

Hempill, not being on a direct railway line, has a local connection with the Santa Fe which is sufficient to meet its railway needs. Its highways, however, are kept in excellent condition and much use is made of truck and bus service.

Sabine County contains part of the famous old King's Highway which crosses Sabine river into Louisiana over a county maintained ferry. As soon as the Louisiana end of the highway which is already contracted is completed, the river will be bridged, thus greatly encouraging interstate travel and transportation.

Hempill has one large wholesale house owned by the well-known J. S. Reed Grocery Company, two reliable banks, four reputable Churches with the various active auxiliaries, one

sanitarium under construction sponsored by five leading physicians, two large cotton gins, a number of beautiful homes and homesites, and a school of 800 scholastics unexcelled by that of any other town of this size.

The citizenship of Hemphill is truly American and law-abiding as a whole. The percentage of criminality, as compared with that in other places, is strikingly small.

At Hemphill is located one of the large lumber mills of which Sabine County has three large ones and many small ones. The mill employees together with the immense corp of workers cutting over land on Pickering Tract, and the great number of men employed in widening and otherwise improving the highways at present give Sabine county a very large payroll.

In spite of the great amount of public work, Sabine County is pre-
vailingly agricultural. Its climate
and soil conditions are highly adapted
to the raising of truck as well as
the more stable crops of Corn, Cotton,
etc. Sugar cane flourishes in the
lowlands.

The resources of Sabine County
mainly are undeveloped. The timbered
sections now being cut over will
afford splendid opportunities for
stock raising which is already
quite abundant in the nature of
hogs and cattle.

The oil prospects here are ex-
ceedingly good, a number of wells
having been sunk, some of which
are still in operation, with interesting
indications of oil. Other minerals, as
coal, coke etc. are thought to abound
here in vast quantities, waiting only
to be developed.

Sabine County is the home of a

large variety of wild game such as squirrels, quail, deer, foxes, wolves, etc. The many lakes and streams, and the river afford an abundance of fish. Trapping, also, is carried on extensively.

Hemphill appreciates the interest of strangers and the consideration of homeseekers. It is a small but growing town and ^{needs} the influence of a new and thrifty element of people ~~county~~