



North Carolina: People, Places, & Progress

Chapter 14: Stars on the National Stage

Section 2: The First Truly Urban Places Develop

Focused Reading

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. A _____ area has a concentration of people, jobs, services, and entertainment.
2. _____ had been the first city in the state to gain more than 100,000 residents, during World War II.
3. Over the next twenty years, many of these cities did not grow that much, but the areas around them more than _____ in size.
4. Overall, a new _____ had developed. More than a _____ people lived close enough to Charlotte to regard it as their home city.
5. _____ spread outward from downtowns and took over _____. On the edges of each of the cities were built new subdivisions and _____ centers.
6. Because of _____ (unplanned, uncoordinated spread), downtown areas rapidly _____ because major stores like Belk relocated to the malls.
7. In addition, federal projects aimed at _____ (the replacement of run-down city buildings) led to the demolition of poor _____ that used to be on the edges of downtowns.
8. The state also _____ to the sprawl of urban life by building new, improved _____ farther away from the downtowns.
9. One result of North Carolina's development as an urban state was the gain of _____ sports teams.

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10. Very small towns like Bethel in Pitt County _____ most of their businesses in less than a decade.
11. In the smaller towns, their family-owned _____ stores, where credit accounts were paid off each month, were replaced with the more modern _____ chains.
12. Out in the _____, the _____ store often closed when convenience marts were built nearby.
13. The availability of _____ to just about every citizen, combined with the _____ of the paved and multilane roads, ended the traditional small-town custom of _____ by physicians.
14. A key reason for the _____ of small town commerce, particularly in the east, was the _____ of so many farms.