

33rd Annual
**Strawberry
Festival**

May 10, 1980
Stilwell, Oklahoma



Queen Vicki Guthrie

Big event is 33

The Strawberry Festival dates back to 1948 when the Stilwell Kiwanis Club decided to do something about stimulating interest in one of Adair County's major economic resources.

The strawberry crop that year was valued at about \$750,000 and was described as "the biggest berry harvest the area had ever experienced."

With the assistance of the entire community, the first annual Festival was held May 22, 1948.

The program included games and contests, several numbers by the Stilwell High School Band, selection of the Strawberry Festival Queen, music by a high school hill-billy orchestra, talks by Lt. Gov. James E. Berry and others, and a dance that night at the American Legion Hall. There was no parade.

Hundreds of free portions of strawberries and ice cream were served.

The first queen, Pat Reed (now Mrs. Pat Leatherwood of Stilwell) was nine years old. Besides being cute and attractive, contestants in the first years of the Festival were required to be actual strawberry pickers and



were sponsored by their employers.

"The contest, on the same day as the Festival, was held on the steps of the courthouse," Pat recalled. "There were about 10 contestants. We didn't have to perform—we just sat there and were judged on the basis of applause from the crowd."

"I received a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond and a wristwatch—plus some new clothes given to me by my sponsor, Bethel Eubanks."

"I still have my crown, which was made of cardboard."

Jack Chaffin was president of the Stilwell Kiwanis Club that year. Among Stilwell men taking an active part in the celebration were Norvell Henley, Joe H. Carson, Ted Sebastian, Doc Beene, George Waters, and Paul Chambers, Stilwell mayor at that time.

After the Festival, the Stilwell Democrat-Journal commented:

"From conservative businessmen and citizens, we hear that the largest crowd ever to assemble in Stilwell (except circus day) registered for the First Annual Strawberry Festival."

The second Festival was more ambitious. That was the year that the Oklahoma House of Representatives designated Stilwell as the Strawberry Capital of the World.

About the cover

Official photograph of Miss Vicki Guthrie who will be crowned queen of the 33rd annual Strawberry Festival on May 10.

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Welcome to the Festival

Welcome to the Festival!

The Stilwell Kiwanis Club and I would like to welcome you to our 33rd annual Stilwell Strawberry Festival.

There are many events which will be highlighting the day. They include the parade, music by Billy Parker, the Strawberry auction, Festival luncheon, serving of strawberries and ice cream, and the rodeo.

I hope you enjoy your day and your visit to Oklahoma's Green Country.

John Freeman
President,
Stilwell Kiwanis Club

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1980 Festival Queen

Queen of the 1980 Strawberry Festival is Miss Vicki Guthrie, 17, a junior at Westville High School.

She will be crowned at the band stand following the Strawberry Festival parade on Saturday, May 10.

Miss Guthrie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Doyle Guthrie, Route 1 Westville, was chosen queen in competition with 11 other Adair County girls in March. The judging was based on talent, beauty, poise, and personality.

She will succeed Miss Donna Terrell, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sam Terrell, Stilwell.

Her attendants are: Miss Cathy Brunk, 17, a graduating senior at Stilwell High School, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bill Brunk of Stilwell; and Miss Doreen Marie Curry, 18, a freshman at Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, daughter of Mrs Marie G. Curry, Route 2 Stilwell.

Other contestants were:

Misses Judy Crittenden, 16, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jay Crittenden, Route 1 Westville; Teresa Hannaford, 16, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jim Hannaford, Route 2 Westville; Susan J. Hardin, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jim Hardin, Stilwell; Ronetta

Keeter, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gus Keeter, Route 4 Stilwell; Lisa Lawrence, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rick Coons, Westville; Debbie Martin, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ron Martin, Route 1 Watts; Vicki Perry, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Perry, Stilwell; Danja Lynn Price, daughter of Mr and Mrs Leon Price, Route 2 Stilwell; and Rhonda Richards, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ricky Kindle, Proctor.

A capacity crowd attended the contest held at the Stilwell Community Facilities Building. Larry Eubanks was master of ceremonies.

The queen will receive merchandise gifts from Stilwell area merchants and other awards.

SECOND SATURDAY

Stilwell's Strawberry Festival is held on the second Saturday of May each year—just the day before Mother's Day.

QUICKIE STRAWBERRY DESSERTS

Versatile strawberries can star in a variety of simple, yet elegant desserts.

- Blend strawberries with vanilla ice cream in the blender for a quick frosty frappe.

- Strawberries are simply elegant when dipped in whipped cream flavored with Grand Marnier or creme de cocoa.

- Top strawberries with billows of whipped cream flavored with instant cocoa and a sprinkling of almonds.

In picture on opposite page, the 1980 Strawberry Festival Queen, Miss Vicki Guthrie, poses with her attendants, Miss Kathy Brunk, left, and Misses Doreen Curry.

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Kiwanis Club President John Freeman, second from right, with, from left: Mark Hodson, secretary-treasurer; Tom Todd, vice president; R.B. Bell, Kiwanis lieutenant-governor of Poteau; and Larry Eubanks, immediate past president.

Serving community

The Stilwell Kiwanis Club has had an unbroken tradition of community service since it was chartered in 1946.

The Club, which meets for lunch each Tuesday, is one of 7,273 clubs which make up Kiwanis Clubs International. The organization has a membership of 291,221 and includes clubs in 61 nations and geographical areas.

Under the motto of "We Serve," the Stilwell Kiwanis Club sponsors such diversified activities as the local Boy Scout Troop and the annual Strawberry Festival.

During 1979 the club donated about \$5,000 to various community programs, as well as hundreds of man hours.

Club members participate in fund raising activities such as "Pancake Day" which is traditionally held the morning of the first day of deer season.

The Club also sponsors a concession stand during the summer, at the city's ball park.

After 34 years the Stilwell Kiwanis Club continues to live up to its motto, "We Serve".

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Program

May 10, 1980

Bob Ray, Master of Ceremonies

Music—Oklahoma Army National Guard Band	9:00 a.m.
Parade	10:00 a.m.
Tom Todd, Parade Marshal	
National Anthem	11:00 a.m.
Terri Padgett	
Invocation	11:05 a.m.
Mr. Larry Lane, First Christian Church, Stilwell	
Salute to Flag	11:00 a.m.
Boy Scouts	
Crowning of Strawberry Festival Queen for 1980	11:15 a.m.
Miss Vicki Guthrie	
Introduction of Special Guests—Remarks	11:25 a.m.
Entertainment	11:35 a.m.
Billy Parker Show	12:00 noon
Awards to Champion Strawberry Growers	1:45 p.m.
Strawberry Auction	2:00 p.m.
Oklahoma Army National Guard Western Band	2:30 p.m.
Free Serving of Strawberries and Ice Cream	2:30 p.m.
Rodeo, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 8, 9, 10	8:00 p.m.

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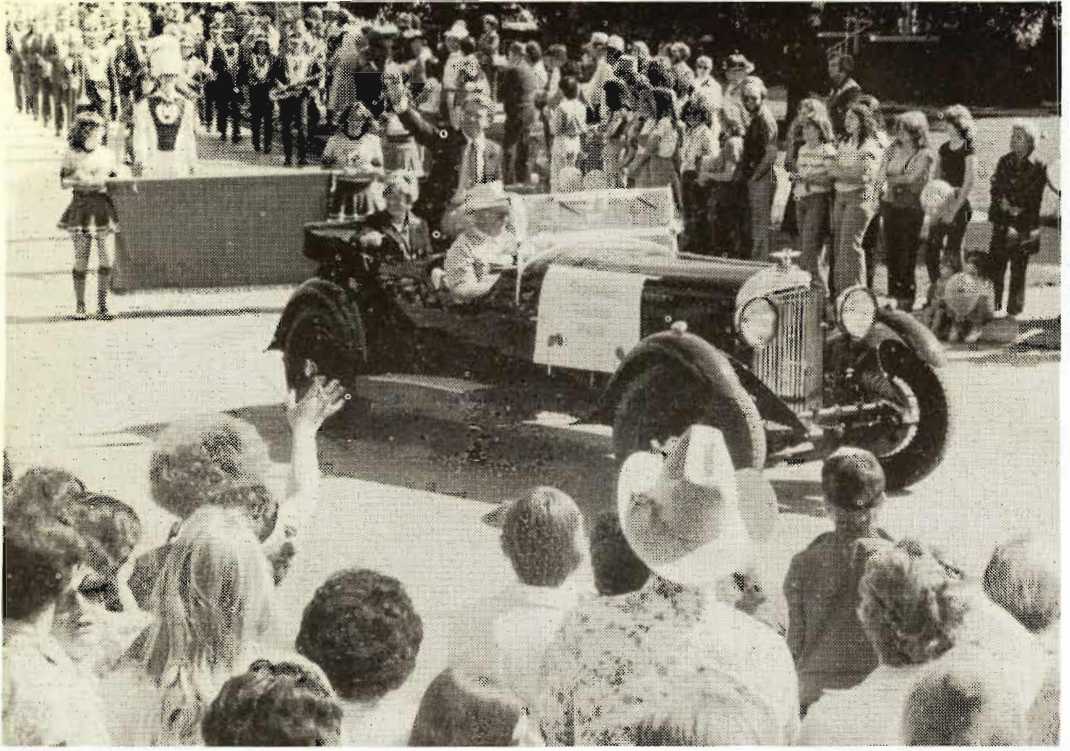
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Gov George Nigh, accompanied by his wife, stands up and waves from the back seat of a 1930 model Bentley driven by its owner, Jimmy Leake, Tulsa television owner who later at the auction paid \$2,250 for the championship crate of strawberries at the 1979 Strawberry Festival.

Big attraction

A festive crowd gathered in Stilwell last year for the 32nd annual Strawberry Festival. The weather was clear all day.

The crowd was estimated at between 21,000 and 24,000.

The day included an 85-minute parade, crowning of the Strawberry Festival Queen, lots of music, Indian dancing,

strawberry auction, and serving of free strawberries and ice cream.

The line of march of the parade included 13 bands, more than 500 horses, mules and ponies.

Television cameramen were here from two stations in Tulsa and two in Oklahoma City.

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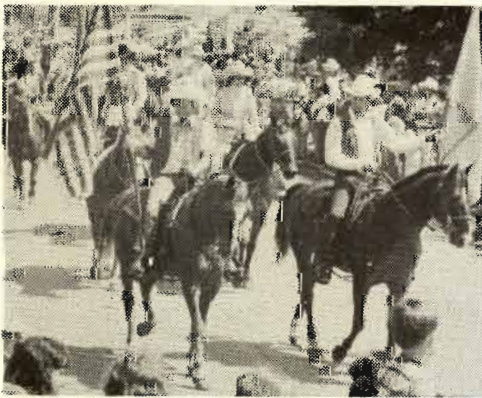
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Cherokee Nation placed first with this entry in the civic division of the 1979 Strawberry Festival parade. The red, yellow and blue float featured a large outline of the State of Oklahoma in red and yellow.



The line of march included over 500 horses.



Two young visitors watch parade from truck loaded with strawberries.

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Second place in the commercial division of the parade was won by the Bank of Commerce float which featured in large multi-colored rainbow.



Stilwell FFA Chapter sweetheart and attendants rode on the second place winner in the civic category.



This colorfully dressed rider was among several from the Muskogee Shriners' Indian mounted patrol in the parade.

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Float entered by the Adair County Extension Homemakers.



Betsy Cox, 1978 Festival Queen, rode on the Kiwanis Club float.



Stilwell High School girls' state championship basketball team.



Cherokee Nation, Inc.'s third place float.



Cherokee Nation Youth Services' decorated car.



Stilwell High School Band.

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1979 Festival Queen, Donna Terrell, second from left, poses with her attendants and Kiwanis officials following her coronation. From left, are: Larry Eubanks, president, Stilwell Kiwanis Club; Vickie Neff, attendant; Doreen Curry, attendant; Betsy Cox, 1978 Festival Queen; and Frank Vascellero, Bethany, governor of the Texas-Oklahoma District, Kiwanis International.



Festival Queen Donna Terrell gets a kiss from Kiwanis District Gov Frank Vascellero following her coronation in 1979.

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Jimmy Leake, Tulsa television station owner at right, displays the championship crate of strawberries he paid \$2,250 for at the 1979 strawberry auction. With him is Robert Bennett, Route 1 Vian, who exhibited the championship berries.

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COUNTY GROWING

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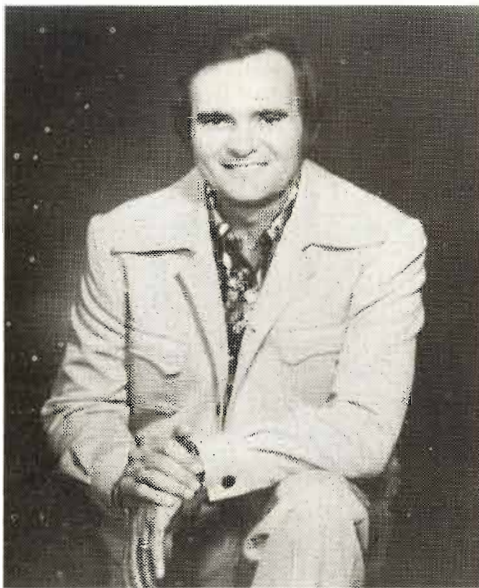
Billy Parker, country music singer and disc jockey, will headline the Strawberry Festival program.

Parker, named one of the top ten new male singers in America, will present his one-hour and 45-minute show starting at 12 o'clock on May 10 from the bandstand on the court house lawn.

On weekends, he travels all over the country playing dances and concerts, but during the week he is disc jockey for the All American Country Road Show on KVOO radio in Tulsa.

Born in Okemah in 1937, he has lived most of his life in Tulsa. His musical career started at the age of 11 when he started picking the guitar and singing.

Bob Ray will serve as master of ceremonies of the Strawberry Festival program which begins at 9 a.m. on May 10 with music by the Oklahoma Army National



Billy Parker

Guard Band.

The parade, with Tom Todd as parade marshal, will begin at 10 a.m., followed by the program at the band stand.

Luncheon is Planned On Festival Day

The Stilwell Kiwanis Club will sponsor a Festival luncheon at the Stilwell Community Facilities Building at 12 o'clock noon Saturday, May 10.

U.S. Rep Mike Synar will be guest speaker.

Tickets for the luncheon are being sold for \$5 and \$10.

Shuttle buses will transport the luncheon guests from the downtown area to the community building.

BERRIES ON SALE

The public will pay a minimum of \$17 per crate of strawberries on Festival Day in Stilwell. Growers will be selling their berries in the parking lot just west of the Adair County Court House and also in the street in front of the Court House, as in the past, but buy your berries early! They go fast.

RESTROOMS

Portable restrooms for men and women will be set up in downtown Stilwell on Strawberry Festival Day by the City of Stilwell. If you can't find one, ask for information from a Kiwanian or a National Guardsman.

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Aerial view of Stilwell, a progressive, growing community.

Facts about Stilwell

POPULATION

(1970 census) — City, 2,134; Adair County, 15,141. Estimated county population today is 16,700.

LABOR FORCE

Male, 2,185; female, 792.

TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highways 59 and 62; and State Highways 51 and 100. Interstate 40 is 30 miles south. The Kansas City Southern Railroad, six truck lines and a bus line serve

the area. Stilwell also has a city airport with runways of 1,600 and 2,000 feet. A new airport is in the planning stage.

GOVERNMENT

Mayor-City Council. Active volunteer fire department with 20 members. Eight city police officers and six county officers. Two Oklahoma Highway Patrolmen are stationed here. Stilwell is also home for a unit of the Oklahoma National Guard.

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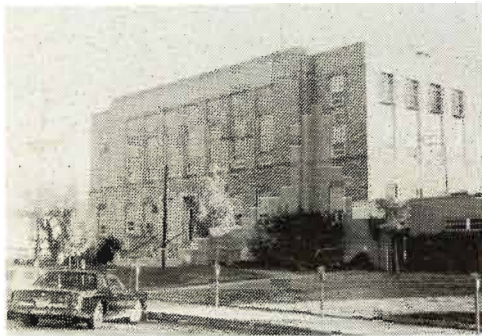
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INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATION

Stilwell Industrial Foundation, a non-



Adair County Court House.

profit organization, stands ready to assist prospective new industries.

RECREATION

Water sports, fishing and picnicking at nearby Lake Tenkiller; small game and deer hunting; Adair Recreation Area, north edge of Stilwell, includes small lake for fishing and swimming, plus picnic and camping facilities, and children's playground; city swimming pool; tennis courts; two gymnasiums; and movie theatre. Four golf courses are located within a 30-mile radius.

The Stilwell Kiwanis Club and the City of Stilwell sponsor baseball and swimming programs for youngsters in this area.

Stilwell is the home of the Oklahoma championship girls basketball team (2-A) for two straight years—1978 and 1979.

COMMUNICATIONS

Independently owned telephone company offers direct distance dialing, touch tone and mobile dial telephones. Allied Telephone Co. has constructed a new building in Stilwell to handle its continuing growth.

TELEVISION RECEPTION

Three commercial stations and one educational station in Tulsa, Okla., and one commercial station in Fort Smith, Ark.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Strawberry Festival, Dogwood and fall foliage tours, rodeos and Adair County Fair.

HEALTH

The new Memorial Hospital of Stilwell with 50 beds opened recently. The Adair County Health Department Building is located in Stilwell. The city has five M.D.'s, one dentist, an osteopath, one optometrist and a chiropractor. Two ambulance services operate in Stilwell.

The Stilwell Nursing Home is a modern facility with 87 beds. An addition was recently constructed.

CLIMATE

Average winter temperature is 37.4 degrees. Average summer temperature is 82.1. Rainfall averages 42.46 inches per year. Stilwell's elevation above sea level is 1,112 feet.

EDUCATION

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INDUSTRIAL SITES AVAILABLE

Acreage is available for industries through the Stilwell Industrial Foundation. Many choice locations for industries are available in the area.

The Cherokee Nation is developing an industrial park just south of Stilwell on US 59 with the aid of a government grant. One large building, for Facet Industries, a filter manufacturer, has been erected at the industrial park.

PREVAILING WAGE SCALE

U.S. minimum wage and hour law prevails.

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WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM

Stilwell has an abundance of clean, pure water—4,000,000 gallons per day—from 140-acre city lake. The lake is large enough to serve Stilwell for three years without a drop of rain falling. Present sewer system is large enough to accommodate a city of 10,000. A \$500,000 industrial sewer system, which can handle 2,000,000 gallons of industrial wastes daily, was completed recently. Enlargement of the city's water and sewer systems is planned for additional industries.

ELECTRICAL POWER

The City owns its own electrical distribution system, and gets its own power from the Grand River Dam Authority. Special industrial rates are offered. Present capacity of 5,000 KW could easily be enlarged. Ozarks Electric Cooperative serves the rural areas.

BANKING

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Concert band at Stilwell High School, which won a superior rating this spring, entered the state concert competition at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

\$21,447,509.31 in deposits and total assets of \$24,275,456.88.

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, in cooperation with Oklahoma employment services agencies, will assist industry in recruitment of qualified applicants to meet personnel staffing requirements.

With the Arkansas River only about 30 miles away, Adair County can expect continued growth now that the Arkansas and Verdigris Rivers are opened to navigation.

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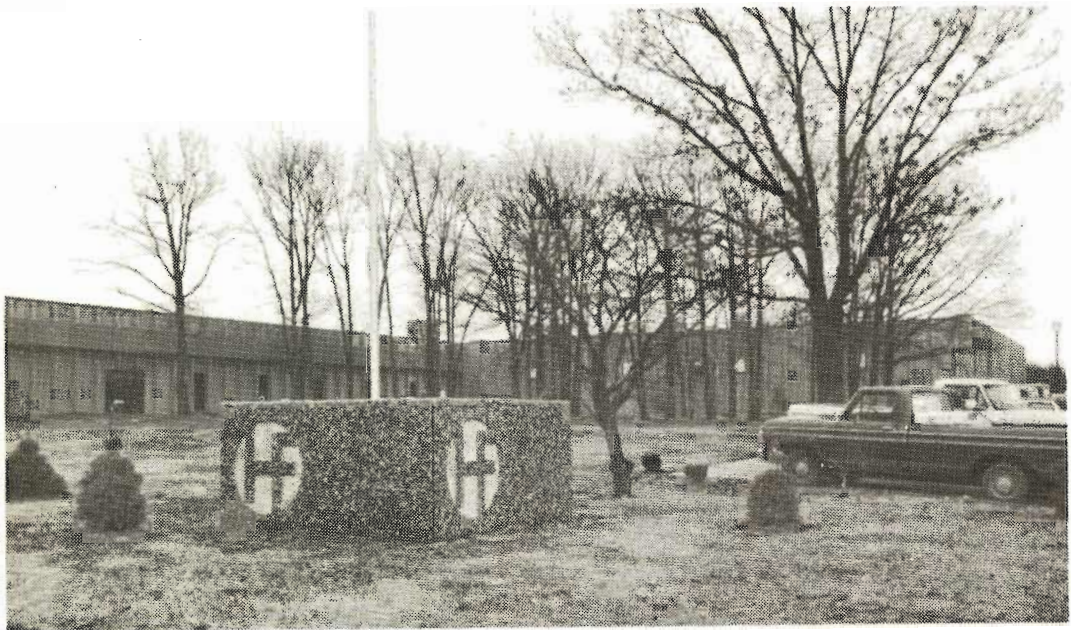
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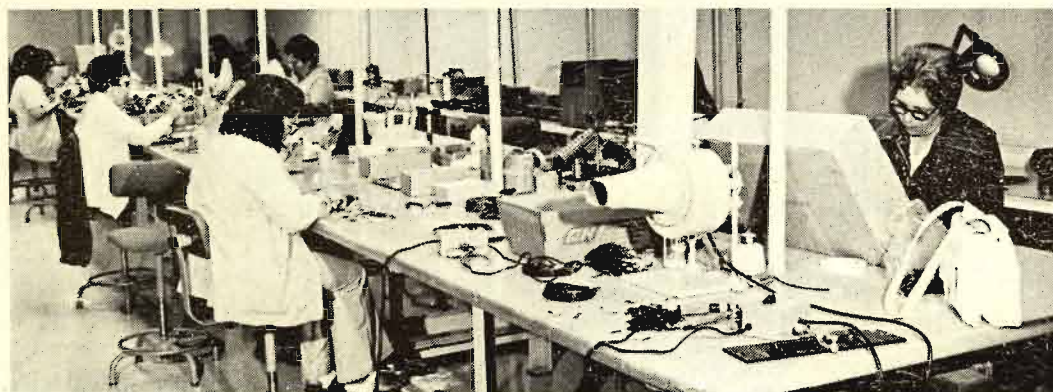
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Old Baptist Mission Church just north of Westville.

End of the Trail

Just three miles north of Westville on US 59 stands a little white church which marks the end of a long, sad journey for a nation exiled from its home east of the Mississippi River.

Across the road east of the Old Baptist Mission Church is a quiet little cemetery

where lie the brave leaders of this band of Cherokees led by the Rev. Jesse Bushyhead.

Few motorists traveling by on US 59 ever stop to read the historical marker which Gov. E.W. Marland caused to be erected in memory of these displaced

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Cherokees.

The marker summarizes the history of the Old Baptist Mission in these words:

"Baptist Mission about 4 miles North and West. Established by Rev. Jesse Bushyhead in 1839 and known as Bread Town by the Cherokees. Rev. Evan Jones was the missionary in charge. The Cherokee Messenger printed there, beginning in August, 1844, was first periodical in Oklahoma. Mission moved to Tahlequah in 1867. Bacone College at Muskogee, still in operation, is the outgrowth of the school at Baptist and Tahlequah."

These words may summarize the history of the church at Baptist, but the sign above the door, "Moved over the Trail of Tears in 1835" and "The End of the Trail of Tears" give these cold facts some human interest.

A nation forced at bayonet point to move to new lands could not forget its own civilization but brought with it all that

A treaty had been signed at New Echota, Ga., which gave the valuable lands of the Indian tribes to the white man. Men led by Chief John Ross fought removal for three years, but at last they gave up and were brought west by soldiers of the Federal government.

Much blood and many tears were shed along "The Trail of Tears." These hardships did not stop these men with the spirit of pioneers. They were determined to establish a school, village and homes protected by law as they knew it.

Their leader, Rev. Jesse Bushyhead, was the first supreme court judge in the Cherokee Nation before his death in 1844.

Other leaders carried out the plans of Mr. Bushyhead to found a church and school at this new location.

But, just three years after the log structure was constructed, the building was destroyed by fire. A few of the logs were



Trail of tears mural by Donald Vann, formerly of Stilwell.

was movable, including one of its churches.

According to the Grant Foreman papers, some four or five heavy log beams were transported to this spot and combined with native logs to build a replica of a church these Cherokees had been forced to leave in Georgia.

saved and were used when the new frame building was constructed. This building is built according to the same design as the first one, and is kept in repair by the community.

The end of the Trail of Tears, perhaps, but the beginning of a new and better era.

—By Mrs. Lucy Jane Makoske

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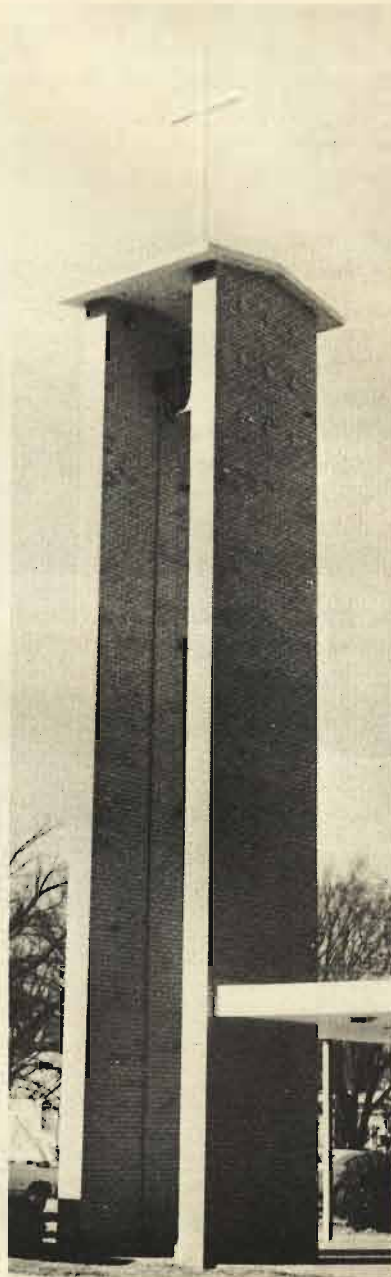
Stilwell Churches

Most religious faiths are represented in the Stilwell area.

Other denominations have churches in communities surrounding Stilwell.

The churches include:

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Picking strawberries near Stilwell.

Diversified farming

In the past 50 years, sale of livestock and livestock products has been the principal source of agriculture income in Adair County.

Adair County products—including strawberries, green beans, apples and peaches—are sold all over the nation. Some are processed locally, while others are shipped fresh.

Stilwell is the home of Stilwell Foods,

Inc., which has nationwide distribution; the Adair County Orchard Co., which is the largest in this four-state region; and the Ideal Fruit Farm.

Corn, small grain, grain sorghums and improved grasses and legumes for hay are grown mostly as feed for livestock. Timber is regarded as an important cash income.

Several poultry processing plants also flourish in this area.

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Rodeo attracts crowds

Large crowds are expected to attend all three performances of the Stilwell Roundup Club's 33rd annual Festival Rodeo, opening Thursday, May 8 and continuing through Saturday night, May 10.

The rodeo arena is located about 1½ miles north of Stilwell on US 59. Starting time is 8:30 o'clock each night.

More than 300 cowboys and cowgirls will be here to compete in the International Rodeo Association championship rodeo.

Seven events are scheduled for each performance.

Baily is the stock producer.

Reigning over the rodeo as queen is Miss Sharma Lee Worley, daughter of Mr and Mrs Oda Worley, Stilwell; and the princess is Miss Dana Pritchett, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hasting Pritchett, Route 1 Bunch. The new royalty will be announced at the Saturday night performance.

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Early-day recreation

Recreation and social activities in Stilwell's early days took the form of ice cream socials at the churches and lodges.

Groups of friends would have pot luck dinners in the various public halls until after one Saturday night dinner four young men were dead after drinking deadly wood alcohol in lemon extract.

"Play parties" in the homes were quite popular with the young people in early days.

Swimming in the old pump pond was good recreation until two young men were drowned. The boys found swimming holes in old New Hope branch and other places deep enough to swim. But after the days of cars, Baron Fork at the bridge was a very popular place for swimming parties.

Just to go riding around in a car with a group of friends was counted a very coveted recreation.

Sunday afternoons in the early days meant buggy and horseback riding. Joe Carson, grandfather of Col Carson, had a livery stable in the block where Reed's Hardware is now. Young people hired a rig to go out riding on Sunday afternoons.

Games were always interesting to young and old alike. Indian ball games and baseball games interested people of all ages.

Silent movies brought to Stilwell by J.L. Cox proved very entertaining for a long time. These movies were followed by "talkies" as early as 1928 and stage plays.

The radio came into popularity about 1919-20. A large radio was placed in the basement of the new court house. This

was a great diversion for the young as well as their parents.

In the late 1940s, television was introduced into American homes. . .

J.L. Cox built the "Old Opera House" on the site of the present post office building. This became the place for not only movies but school plays, closing exercises, and the school graduation exercises. — From "Recollections and Reflections," by Lucy Jane Makoske.

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Strawberries are an excellent source of Vitamin C with one cup supplying about 150 per cent of the U.S. Recommended Daily Allowance for the average adult.

Strawberries also add iron to the diet. Many Americans, particularly women and children, have diets deficient in this mineral, so it's good to know that one cup of fresh whole strawberries provides about 8 per cent of the U.S. RDA for iron.

One of the nicest things about strawberries is that a whole cup has only about 60 calories. Sweet, plump and juicy strawberries make dieting easy and delicious.

OLD MILL

A water wheel, known as Golda's Old Mill, located at Bitting Springs off SH 51 west of Stilwell, is more than 100 years old. The wheel still provides power for grinding corn, just as it did for the Indians and settlers.

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Mouth-watering recipes

EASY STRAWBERRY CHIFFON CAKE

- 2 pints strawberries
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons grated orange peel
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup orange juice
- 1 package (3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ounces) instant vanilla pudding and pie filling mix
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup ($\frac{1}{2}$ pint) heavy cream
- 1 (9 or 10-inch) prepared chiffon or angel food cake

Reserve 10 whole strawberries for garnish. Slice remaining berries; sprinkle with sugar and orange peel, then stir. Let stand about 30 minutes. Drain juice from berries; set berries aside. Combine berry juice and orange juice; set aside. In smaller mixer bowl, with electric mixer at low speed, combine pudding mix and 1 cup milk. Pour in cream; increase speed to medium and beat 2 minutes, occasionally scraping bowl. Reserve 1 cup pudding mixture to frost sides of cake. Fold sliced berries into remaining mixture.

TO ASSEMBLE CAKE: With serrated knife, cut cake horizontally into 3 equal layers. Drizzle reserved juice mixture evenly over top of cake layers. Place one layer on cake plate; spread with 1 heaping cup pudding-berry mixture. Repeat layering, using all pudding-berry mixture and cake layers. Spread the 1 cup reserved pudding mixture on sides of cake. Cover cake and refrigerate until serving time. At serving time, cut reserved whole strawberries in half; garnish top and base of cake with strawberry halves.

Makes 1 cake—14 to 16 servings.

STRAWBERRY BREAKFAST

Start the day on a rosy note with a strawberry breakfast nog. Whirl fresh strawberries, yogurt, honey, a little lemon or lime juice and an egg in the blender for a refreshing and nutritious breakfast that's fast and filling.

HOW TO PICK'EM

Adair County's vine-ripened strawberries are handpicked, then shipped to markets either the same day or the very next morning.

- Strawberries do not ripen after being picked, so consumers should be selective and choose only fully red-ripe berries that are plump and well-rounded with a natural shine and fresh-looking green caps.

- To hold berries at their best, remove them from their containers and arrange them in a single layer on a cookie sheet or other shallow container and refrigerate.

- Strawberries kept refrigerated will stay fresh and bright for several days.

- Don't wash strawberries or remove caps until just before using. Washing removes the natural protective outer layer and the caps protect the strawberries' texture, flavor and nutrients.

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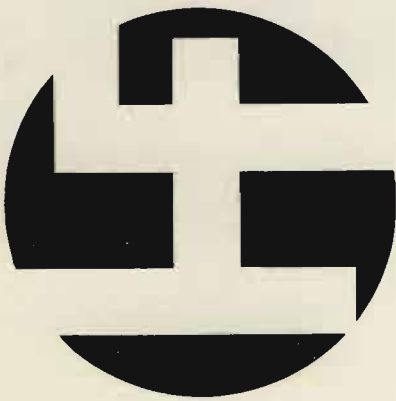
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