

ESTILL COUNTY'S CEDAR GROVE - A Kentucky Community and Its People

The following is the fifth in a series of articles about the community of Cedar Grove and the west-central part of Estill County that have been compiled by Jerry G. Rose and are from information included in his book, "ESTILL COUNTY'S CEDAR GROVE - A Kentucky Community and Its People"

by JERRY G. ROSE

Additional Employment Opportunities for Cedar Grove Residents

Many Cedar Grove residents provided skilled services to the general population throughout the county. These included carpenters, electricians, plumbers, etc. Others worked as store clerks in the towns of Irvine and Ravenna and as school teachers for the school systems in the county. A bus, known as the "Crackerbox" operated round trips from Irvine to the Sandhill Road several times per day for the convenience of Cedar Grove residents and visitors without automotive access.

Several Cedar Grove residents were totally or partially self-employed operating business establishments within the community. At least fifteen businesses operated for various periods during the 1900s. These included several grocery stores and various other business enterprises which will be described later in this series. It is interesting to note that at this time no businesses are operating along the old Cedar Grove Road. This decline began around 1970.

A limited number of businesses have been established and have operated along the new road after it opened in 1970. Most notably was "Gerry's Cash and Carry" Grocery Store near Sandhill Road intersection. It burned in time, but was rebuilt. Today it is known as "Roses". It provides the community with a convenient grocery store, fast foods, and gasoline service.



Roses, now Irvine Food & Fuel, as it appears today. It is located very close to the old Railroad Bed. The Old KY 52 and Railroad Bed are above and behind the Store. This view is looking toward Richmond with the Sandhill Road branching uphill in the center.

Farming provided full or part-time employment for several Cedar Grove residents. Typically the income supplemented the owner's "other" full-time employment. The farms are described later in this series. Most house lots were of sufficient size for a vegetable garden and fruit trees. Today the only farming activity is growing and harvesting hay for livestock feed. Few residents even have vegetable gardens.



This is indicative of about the only Farming Activity in Cedar Grove today. This hay field is in the Clear Creek Valley along the south side of KY 52.

The community of Cedar Grove primarily consisted of approximately one hundred residences during its peak years in the mid-1900s. These were all occupied by families. Typically an average of about four to five people occupied each residence, so the population of Cedar Grove was around 400 to 500 during its peak.

A large development, known as Whispering Woods was built in the 1970s, soon after completion of the "new" KY 52. This occupied several acres of a farm above Clear Creek off Stacy Lane. This includes two large apartment complexes with approximately 75 units along with over 60 brick-style single family residences. A few commercial buildings have been built during recent years with access along the "new" KY 52 and Stacy Lane. Therefore the demographics of Cedar Grove changed with the re-location of KY 52 thought

Cedar Grove in 1969/1970 with most new residential developments on the same side along the south side of the new route and the upland along Clear Creek.



View of the 1970s Residential and Apartment Development called Whispering Woods on Clear Creek Kirby/Witt/Wilson Farm on Stacy Lane.



View of a Residential Street in Whispering Woods.



View of the Apartment Complex in Whispering Woods.

Irvine to borrow money for payroll, bills

by Cathy Dawes

The Estill County Tribune

On Monday night members of the Irvine council unanimously voted to borrow \$50,000 from a line of credit to meet the needs of payroll and bills.

According to city clerk Robin Powell the city only has about \$15,000 in the general fund at this time and with payroll standing at approximately \$18,000 plus bills on top of that. She advised the council that it would be a good idea to borrow the money to meet the needs of the city and then pay the loan off once revenue started coming in from property taxes.

Councilman Tobo Bryant said that to the best of his knowledge the city had to borrow close to \$76,000 at this time last year and that it was paid off in a timely manner, therefore, he would make the motion to borrow the money that was needed.

The first reading of the amended budget was approved by the council. Powell said that most of the line items that needed to be

amended were because of bills that came in late during the month of June.

The council also agreed to take the compensating rate on real/tangible properties for 2017. Powell said that in 2016 the city had collected \$258,609.23 which did not include any delinquent taxes.

Chief of Police Brad Smith reported to the council on his findings about some properties located in the city that needed cleaned up. He said that two properties located on North Plum Street belong to Jimmy Johnson and that one of the homes is occupied and the other is empty. He said that he thought the council should ask City Attorney Rodney Davis to get involved in the matter.

"The house that is occupied, you could get a dump truck full of stuff just out of the front yard," stated Councilwoman Williams.

Properties located on Oak Street, Maple Street, and High Street were also discussed. Attorney Davis said that the home located on High Street was owned by BB&T be-

cause the owner was deceased. Davis also added that there was a city ordinance that required all banks to register those homes with the city.

Smith said that he had also done some preliminary checking into the mobile home lots within the city. He said that one of the mobile home lots had been sold one time but he wasn't sure of the exact date.

Mayor W.J. Noland said that Rice Street had been closed once again for construction. Laurel Street still remains with a 'No Parking' on the street at any time.

Councilman Woody Tipton said he thought it should go back to the way it was because the school system knew that people parked on the street when they built the school there and a simple solution would be to put their kids on the bus.

Mayor Noland said that he was looking at the bigger picture and that there was also a nursing home located out that way that made it hard to get to at times. He said he had received no complaints from anyone other than the original lady who has no parking in the back of her home on Laurel Street and from Councilman Tipton. Noland said that the signs would remain in place and that nobody would be allowed to park on the street.

Councilman Tipton said they need to explore other options because his wife had a hard time getting to the car from the rear of his house. He said maybe they should consider making Laurel Street a one way street and that would allow residents to park in front of their homes and traffic would still move easily down the street.

Woman injured in wreck Aug. 22 on Winchester Rd.

An Estill County woman received minor injuries when her truck wrecked Tuesday, August 22 on the Winchester Road.

Deputy Russell "Doc" Morris investigated the one-vehicle accident which occurred about three miles from Irvine.

The report says that Kayla M. Wesley of Pitts Road, Ravenna was traveling north when she apparently lost control of her ve-

hicle, a 2006 Dodge Dakota.

The truck left the road on the right side and struck a culvert.

The truck then went airborne and struck several trees before landing upright.

Ms. Wesley was transported to Marcum & Wallace Hospital by Estill County EMS. Her truck was severely damaged.

IPD arrests driver, passenger

A Powell County driver and his passenger were arrested Friday evening after an ATL (Attempt to Locate) was issued for a 2012 white Chevy for driving recklessly.

Irvine Sgt. John Stumio arrested the driver, Jarod Goodwin, 23, of Stanton.

Fritz, the K-9 officer of the Irvine Police Department, alerted on the vehicle, according to the citation. It states the officers found a mason jar with marijuana in the back seat, rolling papers and scale in the console, and

Jolly Rancher candy infused with cannabis oil.

Goodwin was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

His passenger was 25 year old Gregory McIntosh of Richmond.

McIntosh was charged with alcohol intoxication, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in vehicle, and possession of marijuana.

Click Farm Produce

is now open for fall season

Located on site of farm at 432 Kirkland Avenue

Selling vegetables, with fall products coming soon

Presently selling two varieties of sweet corn

Yellow Honey Select and

White Silver Queen picked fresh daily

Silver Queen offered for \$3.00 per dozen, any amount, and Honey Select is \$4.00 per dozen

Red and Yellow Tomatoes

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Different varieties of green beans

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Roma Beans available by the bushel

Seedless watermelons

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ESTILL COUNTY COMMUNITY CHORUS:
EXCITING NEWS!!!

Have you felt the change in the weather, a little cooler, and already the days are getting a little shorter, with it getting darker earlier? How about – have you seen some of the leaves in the trees already changing to those beautiful fall colors: red, yellow and orange? Well, that means **FALL** is upon us, and that means: It's that time again, for us as a Community Chorus, to meet up for our Fall semester to practice and prepare for our annual Christmas Concert. We are so **EXCITED!** We are busy selecting new Music, and familiar tunes for us to sing!

We WELCOME New Members, New Voices, Past and Present Members, to join us!!!! We know you're out there – Estill Countians, and we know you from other venues, that you have beautiful voices. We need those **VOICES** and your talent! Why are you hiding it? Come and share it with us and the Community. We rehearse one night a week, for an hour. We'd love to have you! Come give us a try! See you then!

**Our first rehearsal, starting back for our Fall Session,
Will be on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

**We meet every Thursday night, and rehearse – from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.,
at Irvine United Methodist Church-243 Main St., Irvine, KY.**

We will be performing our **Christmas Concert** tentatively on
Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

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