

Rev. Postoak is pastor of the Long Prairie Indian Church west of Little Kansas. This church is well off the highway and down in a little valley, typically suited to an Indian atmosphere. Nearby is a large spring which is the beginning of Spring Creek which runs for perhaps 50 miles and which has been home to Cherokees since 1840. Long Prairie Church is one of 43 churches that make up the Indian Baptist Association in the Cherokee District.

Ike is well acquainted with the economy of the Cherokees in this area of Delaware County. This area is not a good place to find employment and is rather poor farming country. All of the good farming land has been gobbled up by whitemen long ago. Even now the whitemen are taking the rough hills and clearing them off which is strange to the old Indian, as he does not understand. Most of the Indians live in old but sufficiently comfortable homes. As Ike says "They are not starving, but there is much that could be done to help them."