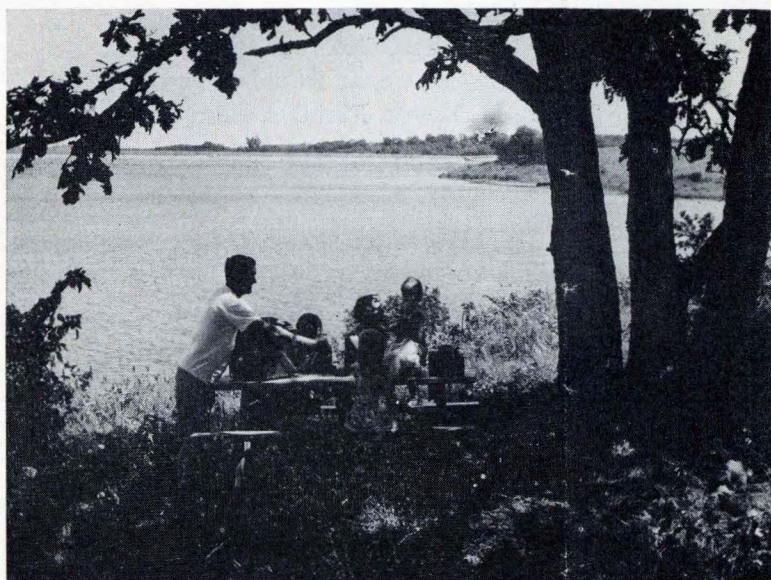


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VIKING LAKE STATE PARK



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Dedication Program

Sunday, October 13, 1957

2:00 P. M.



2:00 TO 2:30 P. M. - - - - - Band Music

Red Oak, Villisca and Stanton High School Bands

MASTER OF CEREMONIES - - - - - Lynn D. Hull, Villisca

INVOCATION - - - - - Rev. Fred Jansson, Stanton

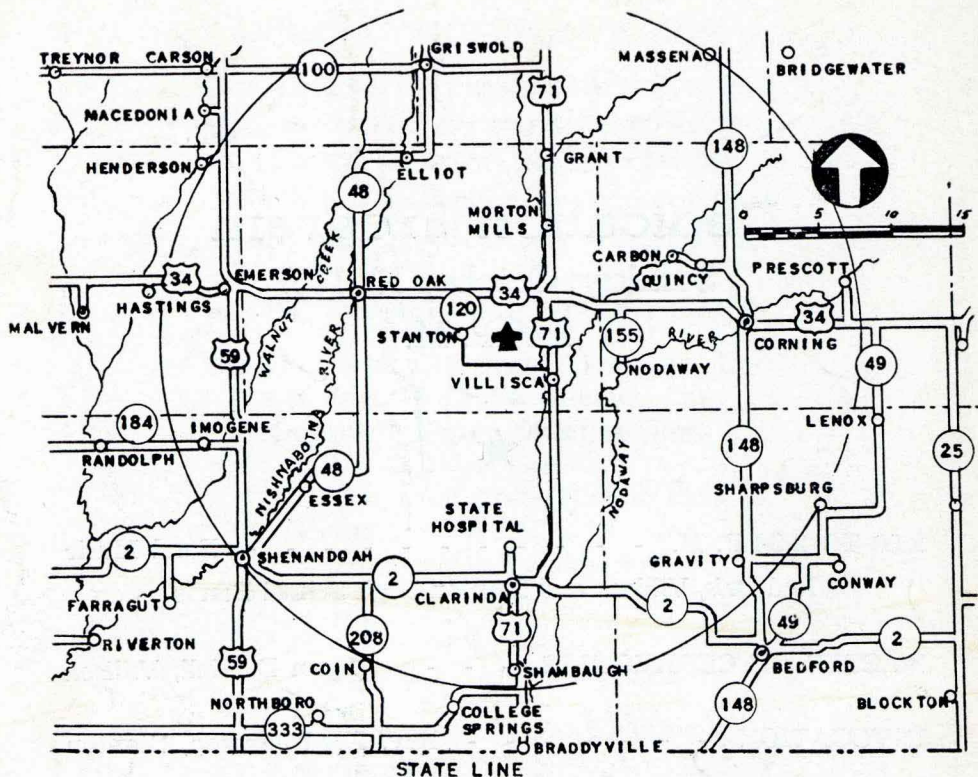
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FLAG RAISING CEREMONY - - - - - Boy Scouts
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VIKING LAKE STATE PARK

In 1949 the 53rd General Assembly appropriated funds to the Conservation Commission of which \$25,000 was allocated for an engineering survey to find a suitable location for a state park and artificial lake in Montgomery County. This was followed by an appropriation by the 54th General Assembly in 1951 of \$115,000 for the purchase of land for the park and lake. By June 1954 sufficient land had been purchased to proceed with the project. The 56th General Assembly in 1955 allocated \$275,000 for the construction of the dam and further improvements. Construction of the dam commenced on February 20, 1956 and was completed on October 14, 1956. The spillway was completed May 6, 1957 and impoundment of water began immediately. This dam is 400 feet wide at the base, 55 feet high and 1250 feet in length. 297,000 cubic yards of earth were moved in its construction. 770 cubic yards of concrete and 50 tons of steel were used in construction of the spillway and sluiceway. The area of the lake will be 150 acres with a maximum depth of 46 feet and a shoreline of $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The park now contains a total of 950.53 acres. Roads, parking areas, beach and picnic area with 75 tables and 25 fireplaces have been completed during the summer of 1957.