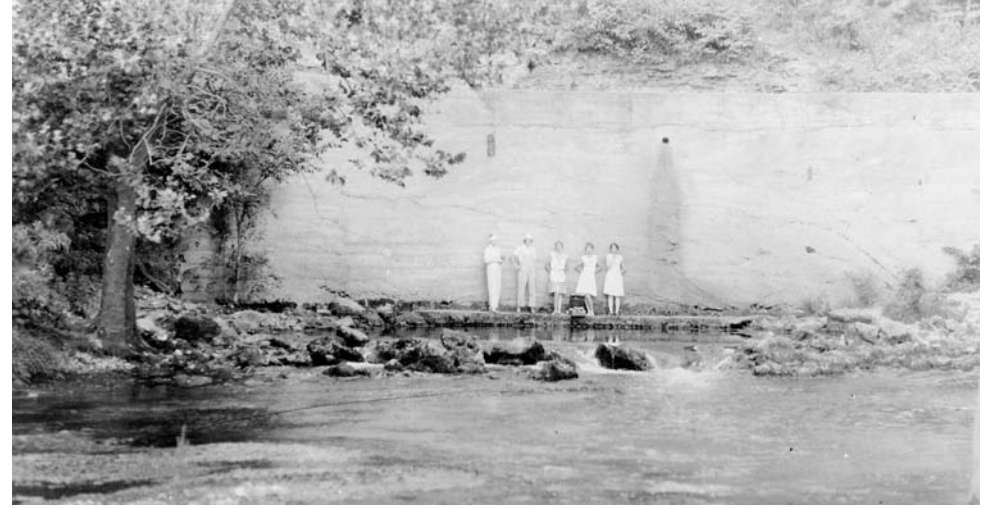


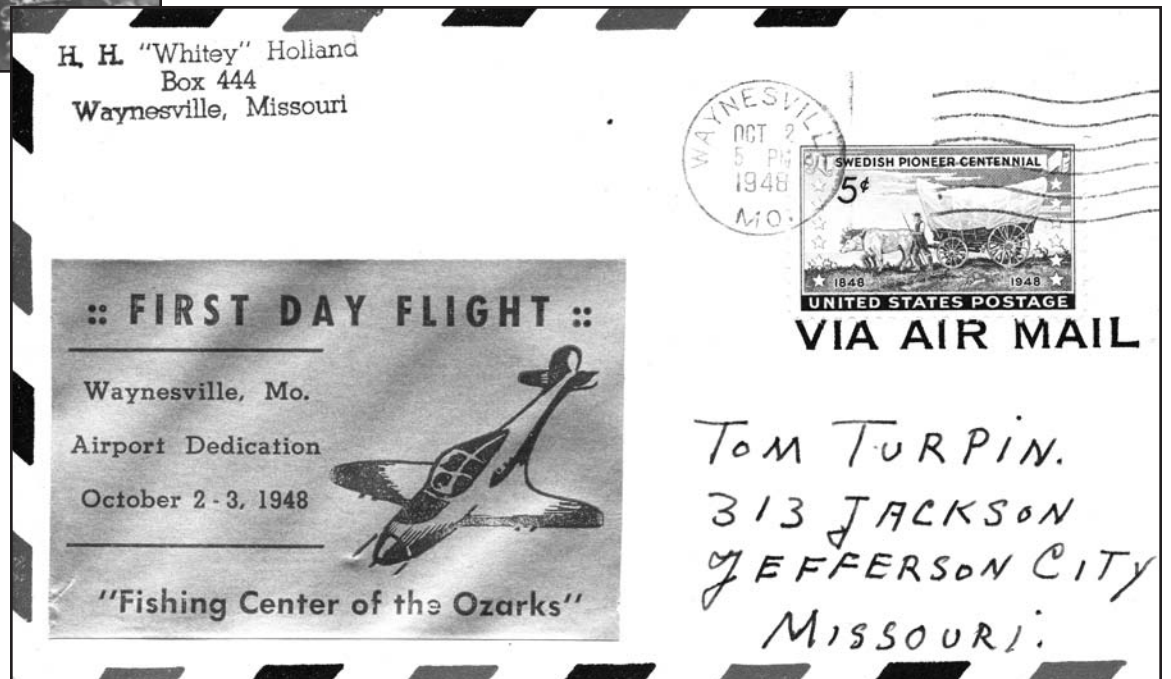


Although there were accidents, several involving the mail crane, there were no serious derailments or crashes locally in 1906. There were in 1905 and would be in the future. Such was life on the railroad. Courtesy of Jan and Terry Primas.



Upper Right: Another view of Waynesville Spring (or Big or Roubidoux.) An enlarged view reveals what appears to be Twenties flappers, beads around their neck. The lady, second from left, is attired in big checked bibs. Positioned in front of the girls is a portable phonograph.

Right: Waynesville had a city airport before the present one on Fort Leonard Wood. The commemorative cover (envelope, right) was issued for the Airport Dedication October 2-3, 1948. The airport was located where the soccer fields adjacent to the East Schools complex are today. Courtesy Jan and Terry Primas.



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Crocker News
December 29

[Editor H. A. Cotton of the Crocker News saw fit to print a description of his town in the last issue of the paper for 1905.]

CROCKER.

Crocker is on the Frisco railway 91 miles northeast of Springfield and 147 miles southwest of St. Louis. It is situated on the summit of the Ozarks, and is 1550 feet above the sea level, and 1100 feet higher than St. Louis.

Size of town. Between 300 and 400. But it is a growing town. It has no boom, but houses are going up most of the time. It is the railway point for 13 business towns. They get their freight here. 23 different postoffices get their mail thrown off here. Our depot platform is a bustling place day and night. Crocker has a future and those who want to get on the ground floor should get here soon.

Business Houses. The general stores are owned by J. L. Hoops, Frank Copp, File & Nelson, W. D. Rowden, Bostick & Johnson, and C. E. Teeple conducts a grocery store and restaurant. W. H. Burgess & Son conduct a restaurant and meat shop. Turpin & Turpin have a first class hardware store, as good as can be found anywhere. A bank was established by our business men over six months ago

and is doing a good business. There are two millinery stores, one conducted by Mrs. M. A. and Miss Blanche Tallman, and the other by the Mrs. Ferguson & Smith. O. G. Bohannon is a large dealer in new and second hand furniture. There are two hotels, hotel de Wagner and the Bostick, both first class in every respect. There are two drug stores conducted by Copp and Orrick and J. A. Rayl. Two physicians attend the sick, Dr. G. W. Orrick and N. I. Stebbins. C. W. Farnham has a large lumber yard. A. O. Crews and Chas. Williams own the two blacksmith shops. J. L. Hoops has an elevator and keeps flour, feed and corn, and considerable grinding is done by a gasoline engine.

There are three churches; the Presbyterian, J. F. Forsyth pastor, services twice a month; The Disciples', J. R. Blunt, minister, services once a month, and the Baptist Church is pastorless at present.

There is a public school that is very crowded, and it is expected there will be a vote on a new building at the election this coming spring.

A telephone exchange is just being put into the various homes in Crocker, and between this place, Waynesville on the south and Dixon on the east.

A hack line goes to Iberia 12 miles north, and Waynesville 11 miles south twice a day.

The directors of the new canning factory were incorporated last week. The money for the enterprise is paid in, and by the time tomatoes are ripe the factory we'll be ready for business.

Real estate firms. There are three, R. H. Hawkins, who has been in the business for several years, and who knows the whole country, Thos. J. Stinson and Craig & Cox. Any of these gentlemen will be glad to give information.

There is no denying the country is rough, BUT is a fine country for a poor man, the test there is. With a small capital a man can, with hard work, make a living here, and be sure of it. The fuel bill here is almost nothing compared to our cities and states further north. It is impossible to starve or freeze a man out here, no matter what the trust do or don't do.

Climate. Snow stays on the ground but a short time, and more often melts as it falls. We are apt to have zero weather perhaps a half dozen times during the winter, some times only once or twice. In the summer it is apt to be cool on account of the breeze.

There is all kinds of people here, people who have lived here all their lives, and people who have come in from all sections of the country and world. This is a benefit to all concerned.

Possibilities.

Poultry. This is to be the coming industry here. Raising poultry for the market will pay, but eggs pay better. St. Louis is less than 150 miles away and the market there is first class. Eggs have brought most of this winter more than 20c a doz. and part of the time 25c. Many farms here are hilly and stoney, but every acre can be used for chickens, if one has the patience to fuss with them. A forty acre tract of land here and 500 hens will get a better living than \$60 a month in any of our cities.


The Big Red Apples. This is the country of the Big Red Apples. Fruit raising pays here, if one attends to business the whole year round. The commercial apple of the future is to be raised in southern Missouri.

Dairying. Cattle can range these hills most all the year round, and if fed fairly well and sheltered in the middle of the winter, will bring good returns.

Hogs seem to thrive here, car loads of them are shipped to St. Louis most every week.

Crocker and vicinity is not paradise, yet it is as near heaven as we make it. The News will be glad to answer all questions and welcome those who want to make a home for themselves.

Tony Crismon



Pawpaw Daze
&
Swap Meet

Come on down to the Pawpaw Patch

Waynesville City Park
and
Historic Courthouse Square
Downtown Waynesville

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Editor Cotton waxed eloquent about Crocker, as well he should have. It was a booming town in 1905. The background picture is the Crocker Frisco Depot fifty years later, 1955, before restoration and relocation.

Inset: Main Street in Crocker in the 1920s. The Pulaski Hotel is on the corner in the foreground.

Courtesy of Jan and Terry Primas



Frank Barnitz

Bank of Iberia

on the Main Street of America



D & D Market and Cafe was owned and operated by Elmer and Don Deutschman from 1948 until 1972. It was located on Route 66 in Buckhorn, five miles west of Waynesville, where Route 17 and I-44 intersect today. There is a convenience store on the site today. All photos courtesy of Ruth E. Deuthschman.



D and D Market in its earliest configuration in 1948.



D and D after a feed store had been built in back. There was also a radio and television repair shop.



The snack counter inside the cafe.



Milly Deutschman, Don's wife, at the counter in the market.



Some of the well-stocked shelves in the market.



D and D was a hangout for the local youth, drawn, no doubt by the pinball machines and juke box.



Many entrepreneurs along the Mother Road entered the cabin rental business. These cabins were added to D and D's many other services.



This must have been an exciting event at D and D. Seems there was no fire after this car ran through a gas pump and no injuries. Probably just wasted a little of the 12 cents a gallon gas.

Sapient Sayings

True friendship may safely be tested in the seething flames of time and poverty.

It sometimes happens that a good man's conscience does not prevent him from accumulating money.

Billiards and matrimony are similar in some degree—lots of kisses and scratches in both games.

Better wear a gingham dress that is paid for than a satin gown purchased on the installment plan.

Tim Berrier

More Sapient Sayings

When a man fails in business his wife tells the neighbors that he was too honest to succeed, but what she tells him in private is another story.

"Speak every day to some one who you know is your superior," said Edward Everett Hale. An easy duty. If your wife is not at home say something to the cook.

Brent Bassett