Before statehood the Whiteday family had to travel to Afton or to Vinita to do their trading, either an all day trip by wagon. The Crowe Mercantile Co. at Afton was the source of their farm equipment and farming needs. He likes to recall the shopping trips to Vinita when he was a small boy. A great joy was getting to see the trains, and a mile before their wagon got to town they could hear the blacksmith at work at his anvil. Another joy was buying a 5-cent can of sardines (with free crackers) and sitting by the public well having lunch. It was also an old custom in those days to give the children a sack of candy after the family had made their monthly purchases. Once a year the family would outfit the boys with "bullhide" shoes and new overalls. The girls would get new side button shoes and yard goods for dresses.

As a young man he recalls riding many miles by horseback for four-day meetings of Indians (Shawnees and Cherokees) in the Shawnee Hills community. There the Indians would observe a thanksgiving according to the season of year, hold stomp dance ceremony (a religious rite), have Indian ball games (a form of football, as well as base ball), Indian singing, Speeches by leaders on Indian matters, and provide feasts of Indian cooking. He remembers some of the families who attended: The Carpenters, Browns, Blackfeathers, Duck, Corntassel, Dicks, Greenfeathers, etc.

He and his family done lots of hunting in the early days, and recalls using a muzzle loading shotgun for many years. He remembers the first shotgun his father bought using the then new self-contained black powder shot shell. His father reloaded the empty fired shot shell hulls. He remembers that about 190[illegible] his father bought him a new Winchester shotgun at Salina for $18. which he still owns today.

Around the year 1900 there was an abundance of wild game in the woods, on the prairies, and along the streams. He recalls seeing lots of wild turkey [illegible] prairie chicken and quail were plentiful. [illegible] were in the fall [illegible] winter, [illegible] duck, [illegible] duck, [illegible] redhe[illegible] [illegible] see to-day. [illegible] flocks of [illegible] prairies. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] killed for [illegible] turkey and [illegible] eaten by [illegible].

He [illegible] school, [illegible] country school at Long Prairie and at [illegible]. These were early prominent [illegible] in [illegible] Craig County, [illegible] long since. [illegible] before modern educational ideas and progress.