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The Town of Waynoka.

Next to Alva in size and importance among towns of Woods County is Waynoka; the name is of Indian origin and came from the word Winneoka, meaning good water. Several years (about seven) before the opening of the Strip a section house and a shipping station were located there; the townsite was offered by John Kaifer who had filed on it. A man of the name of Nickerson put in the first store in Waynoka, and Mr. Olmstead established a lumber yard and sold farm implements.

Waynoka has secured its water supply from three miles southeast, where the Santa Fe constructed a pumping station with ten wells which supply water for the roundhouse and ice plant. The water is almost pure. After the securing of water a large roundhouse, machine shop, car repair shop and storage house were made. The Kansas Ice Company then constructed an ice manufacturing plant in Waynoka, which is the largest in the state. Cars loaded with fruit are iced in Waynoka.

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Making Waynoka a freight division point, with residence for several employees (about 100), and building a Harvey Eating House by the railroad, has surely helped the town.

Waynoka is an attractive urban community of approximately two thousand people. The town has city water, light and sewer systems, paving of the entire business district, a beautiful city park, business establishments, churches, accredited high school, and last but not least attractive residences. Waynoka is too large to mention all of the business, but the roundhouse is the business of the town.

There seems to be quite a bit of drilling for oil between Waynoka and Avard and the people of this area might discover their land has oil.