ROGERS, HENRIETTA TOWN OF WARD. 9592

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The Town of Award

Award is a town of about three hundred. It is fourteen miles southeast of Friend. The name for Award was taken from the name of Fred Todd's dog who the land was purchased.

W. F. Todd who helped to locate Award in 1901 noticed that the extension of the Friend Railroad from east to west would The Santa Fe Railroad run through Award and thus make connections with the Friend.

A few years ago Award voted bonds and put in the water system. Water was piped from south of town. Contractors used iron pipes in the town and wooden pipes to bring water from the springs to town. Later these pipes gave out after the contractor had died. The town is still paying on these bonds. This is of importance because the Friend Railroad was going to extend its road to Freedom, but because of the water situation could not do so.

The soil about Award is adapted to wheat. There are three elevators there. In the harvest months the three

elevators are kept busy. There are two garages here which service most of the farms with their oil, gas and other supplies. Wilson W. Starr has several lumber yards in Woods County and he has placed one in Avard. The town has one store which carries a large stock to serve the people of the town and people living west and south. Mr. Flury is the owner of this store. Other businesses of minor importance include cream stations, telephone office, hotel and drug store. The town has an accredited High School. It also has one church, the Christian church. Also a post office.

The Avard Lake a mile northwest of town is attracting people from all parts of the county. Several thousand fish have been put in this lake. Mr. M.T. Pugh from Avard is Woods County's representative. He is a booster for Avard and the county. Irene Goulter, a missionary to China, is an Avard girl. She is now in China.

Oil companies have leased the land as close as one to two miles of Avard and residents of Avard are hoping for oil.