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Information About Skedee In Early Days

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Mr. Morehead came to Skedee in 1903 and bought out the general store run by the Wortham brothers. He has retired now and lives one mile north and one mile west of Skedee on a farm.

The school at Skedee was organized in Skedee in 1902 and was in a one room frame building. There was an upstairs to this building which was used by the Odd Fellow Lodge.

In the Wortham Store was the only telephone in the town. It was run from Pawnee. The post office was in this store, too, until bought by Mr. Morehead; then it was taken to the drug store across the street. Mr. E. T. Turner was the first postmaster.

The first physician was a Dr. Archer who had a drug store there, too.

There were three elevators in Skedee in early days and all had a big business. Most of the grain in that part of the country was shipped from there.

The Methodist Church was the first church established there. It was established in December, 1904. At first

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services were held in the school house. In 1905 or 1906 they started their own building. The first minister was O. E. Orkey and the district Superintendent was E. S. Stockwell.

The town site was bought by George Weems and the first bank was financed by Mr. George Berry and E. M. Clark of Pawnee.