



## County's popular intersections attract businesses, direct traffic

Osage County has long served as a place where drivers and travelers choose which direction to head.

There have been two well-known crossroads involving U.S. Highway 75 and U.S. Highway 50. Old 50 Highway was divided west of Baldwin to form 50 North, passing through Burlingame, Scranton, Overbrook, Council Grove, Herington, Marion, Lyons, Great Bend and Larned, and 50 South that passed through Ottawa, Emporia, Newton and Hutchinson. The highways rejoined at Garden City.

The name BETO Junction uses the combination of the first letters of Burlington, Emporia, Topeka and Ottawa, and indicates that the crossroads is about equal distance from all four cities. In the early days, the intersection of Capital Highway and the Lyndon-Osage City Road in Lyndon (now Topeka

Avenue and Sixth Street) is said to have been known locally as BETO Junction.

After the division of U.S. 50, the crossroads at U.S. 75 and 50 South became known as BETO Junction and a service station and restaurant were located there.

In more recent times, BETO Junction moved to where Interstate Highway 35 and U.S. 75 cross after the construction of the interstate. The location now boasts a modern truck stop, hotel and several restaurants.

In northern Osage County, the crossroads formed by U.S. 50 North (now U.S. Highway 56) and U.S. 75 has been known locally for many years as Four Corners. A number of businesses have operated there, including service stations, restaurants, auction houses, dance halls and other businesses.

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Clifford C. O'Bryhim began the family business in 1932. He continued to run the store until the mid 1950's. Then Clifford's son Bernard took the helm and Bernard moved the location and expanded the store in the 1960's. Bernard's son Cliff continued the tradition beginning in the 1980's. Cliff has expanded the store twice since then. Today the fourth generation, Brad and Chad O'Bryhim, are involved with checking and carrying out groceries for customers.

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