

and has kept changing and growing



A SIGN AT THE CORNER of Penn Avenue and Hall Street in 1926 tells that the new Decatur County Courthouse is under construction. A parade is also shown, along with many early-day vehicles and business places.



OBERLIN WAS A POPULAR shopping place in the 1950's and 1960's. Among businesses shown with the new canopies on the east side of Penn Avenue were Bernina Sewing Center, Nelson's Pool Hall, Skogmos Clothing Store, The Oberlin Herald, Ray Jewelry and Wayne Gohl Home Planning Center. Oberlin Mills (right) owned by H. Q. Banta and his son, Howard, was a thriving business during the early days of Oberlin. It was located west of S. Penn Avenue and the original building later burned. The name was later changed to Oberlin Milling Company.

