



Who is
John T. Woodruff
and why is he important to
Springfield, Missouri?

Most of us know that John T.
Woodruff, along with Tulsa's
Cyrus Avery, are largely
responsible for the numbering
of the new East-West Highway
Route 66 in 1926

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SPRINGFIELD MISSOURI APRIL 30 1926

BUREAU OF PUB ROADS

CARE THOMAS H MCDONALD WASHN DC

REGARDING CHICAGO LOSANGELES ROAD IF CALIFORNIA ARIZONA NEWMEXICO

AND ILLINOIS WILL ACCEPT SIXTY SIX INSTEAD OF SIXTY WE ARE INCLINED

TO AGREE TO THIS CHANGE WE PREFER SIXTY SIX TO SIXTY TWO

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But did you know that
Fairbanks and Tuck's Past and Present of
Greene County, Missouri (Printed in 1912)

Declared him:

“Springfield's Greatest Booster”

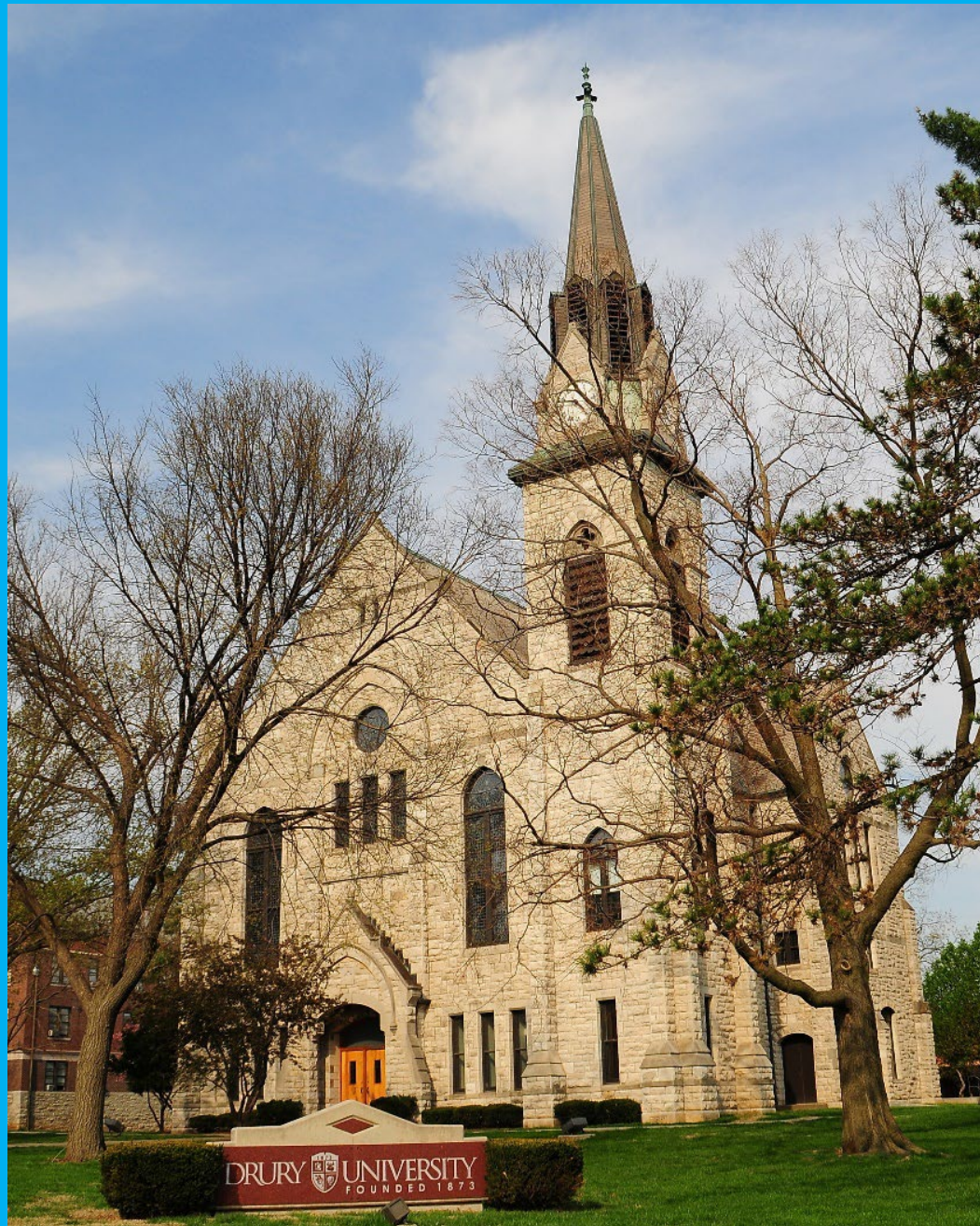
“A Dreamer with a vision for the future.”

“A Promoter of the benefits of the Ozarks
Region.”

The Ozarks

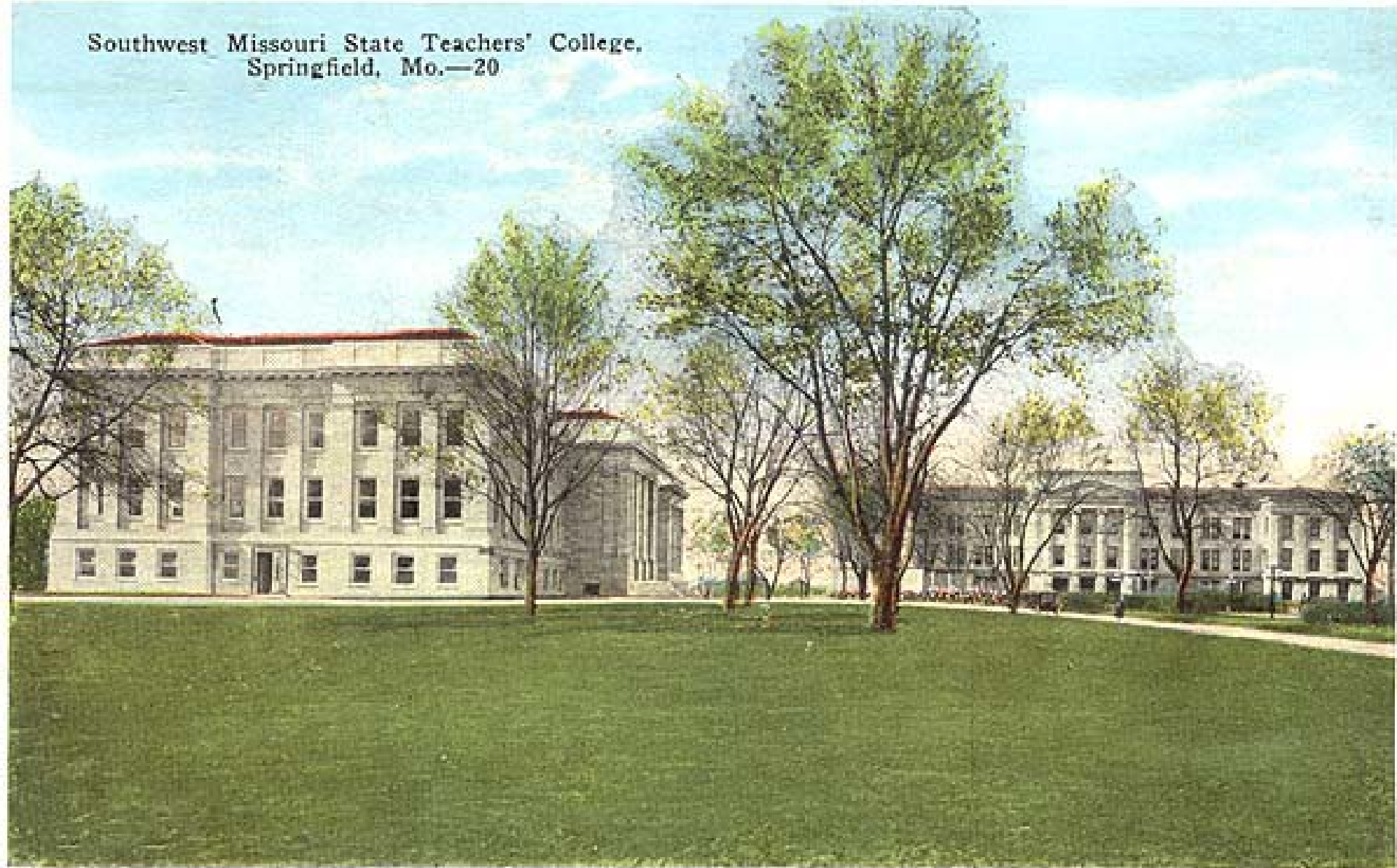






Drury College

Southwest Missouri State Teachers' College,
Springfield, Mo.—20





Colonial Hotel



NORTH SIDE FRISCO SHOPS, SPRINGFIELD, MO.



JUNE 30 1910

FRISCO

PHOTO BY CHAS CHUMLEY

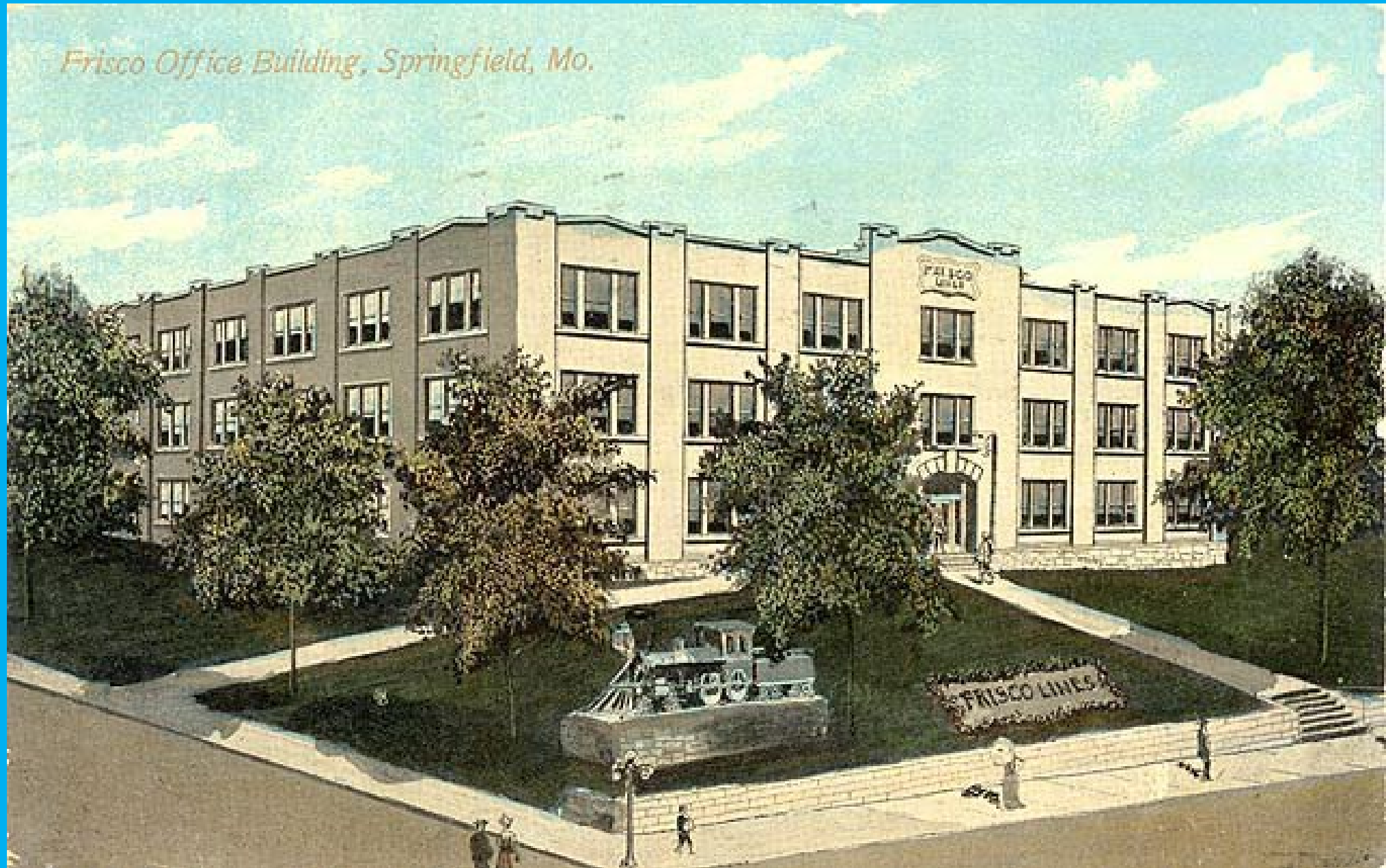


Woodruff Building

Springfield's
First
“Skyscraper”

Largest office building in
the Ozarks

Frisco Office Building, Springfield, Mo.







Powersite Dam

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KENTWOOD ARMS HOTEL



SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI — HEART OF THE OTARKS

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Hickory Hills County Club

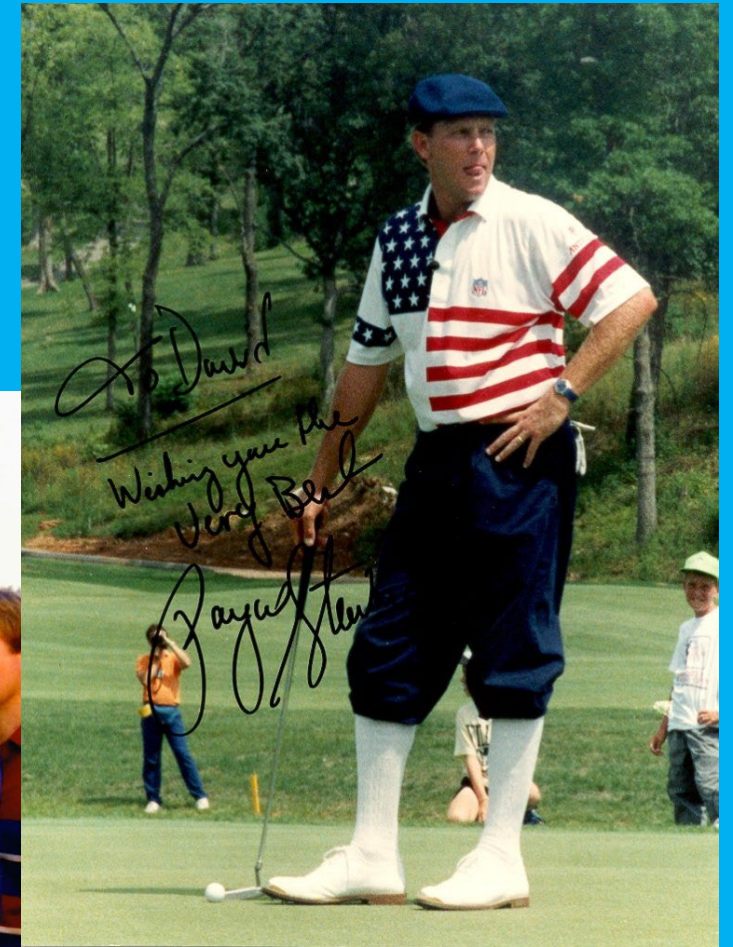


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Smith

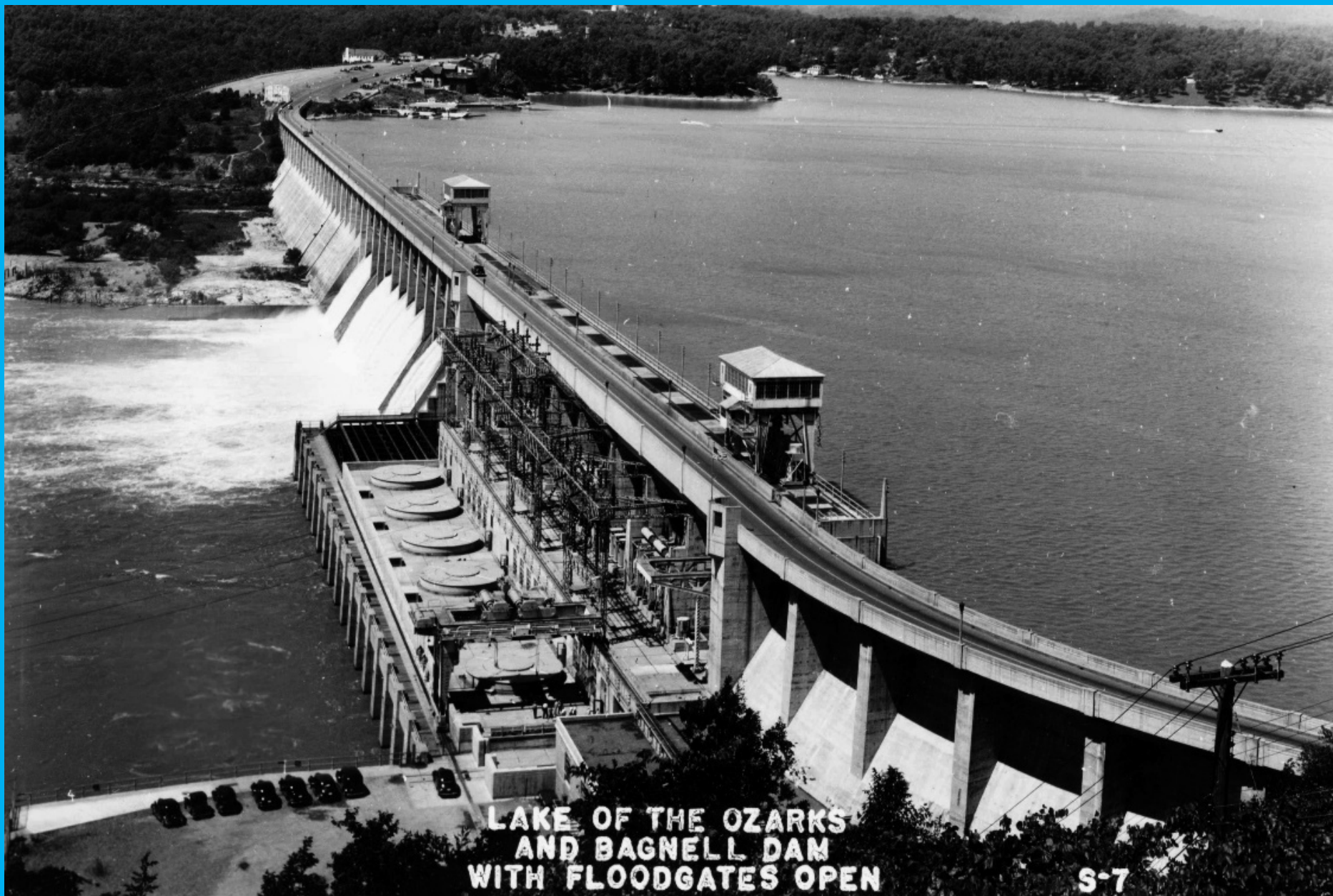
Famous Hickory Hills County Club Golfers



Herman Keiser



Payne
Stewart



LAKE OF THE OZARKS
AND BAGNELL DAM
WITH FLOODGATES OPEN

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**Weatherman
C.C. Williford**

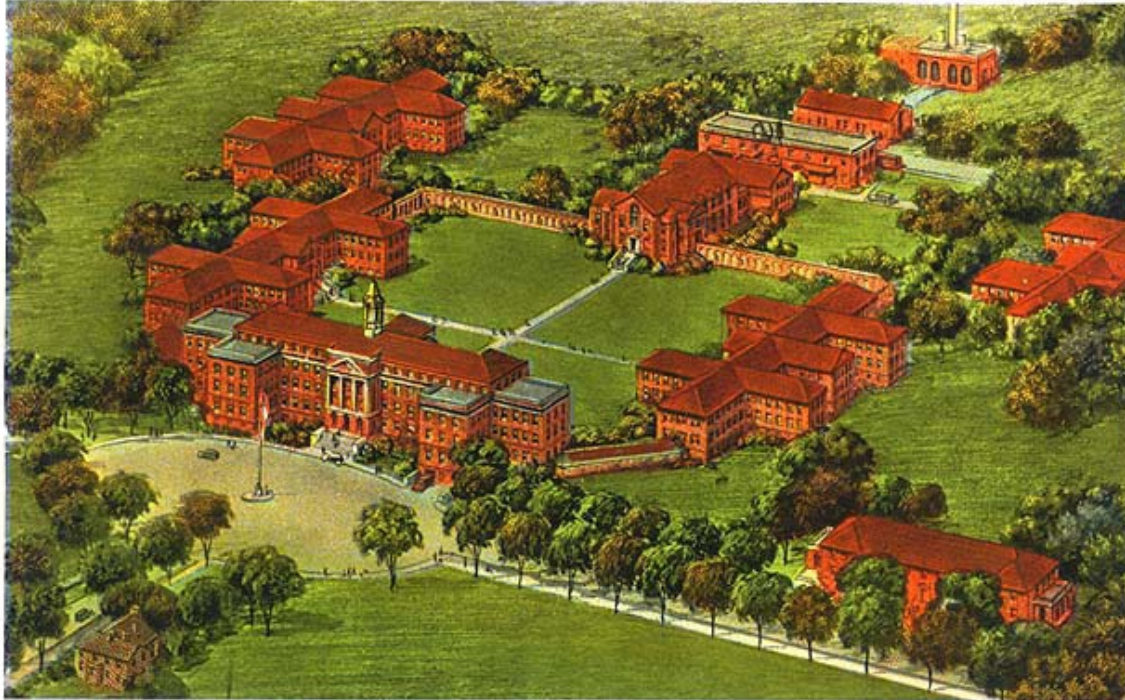


**Springfield, Missouri
Birthplace of Route 66 and
Crossroads of America**



Lake Norfolk Dam

U. S. FEDERAL HOSPITAL, SPRINGFIELD, MO.



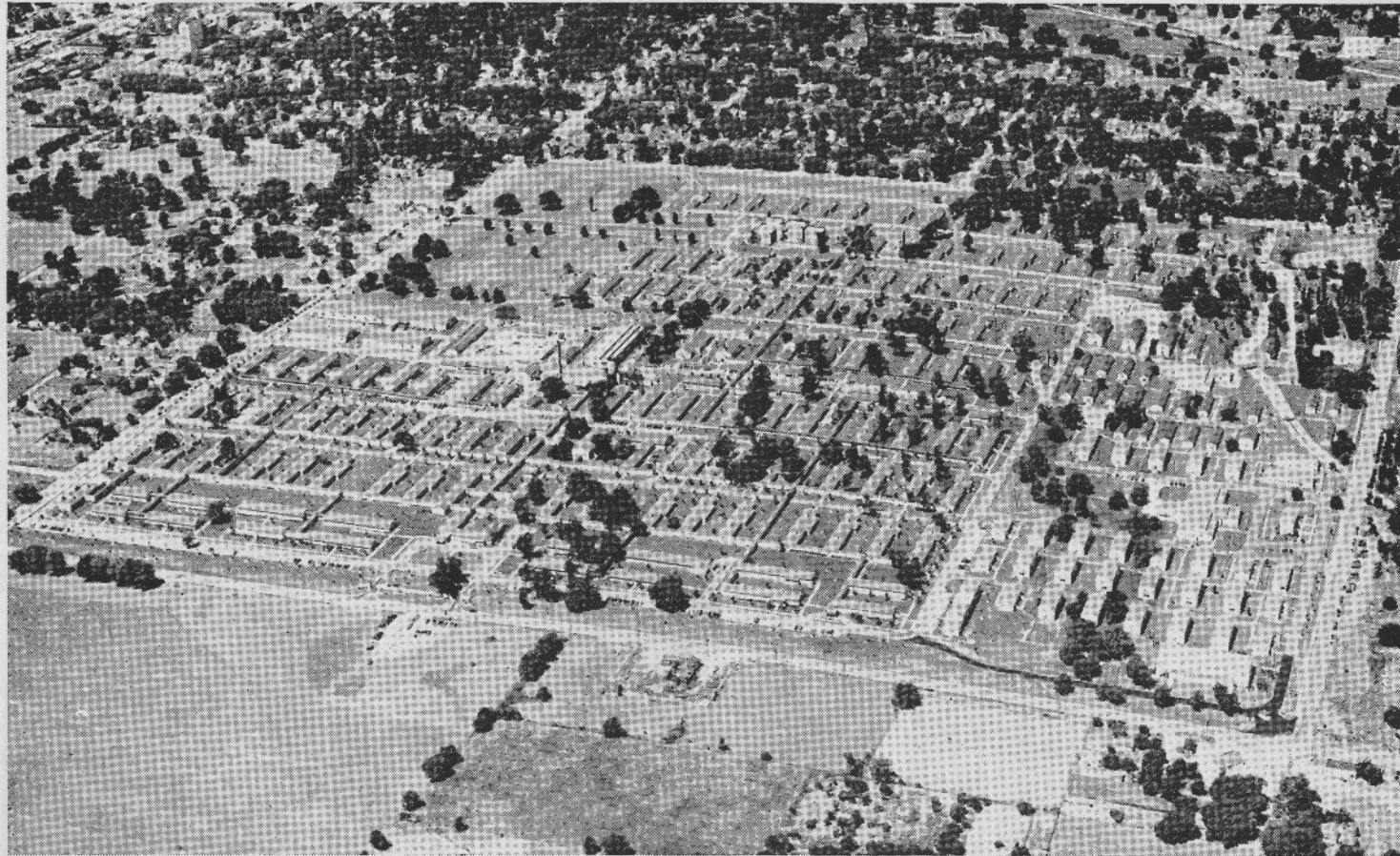
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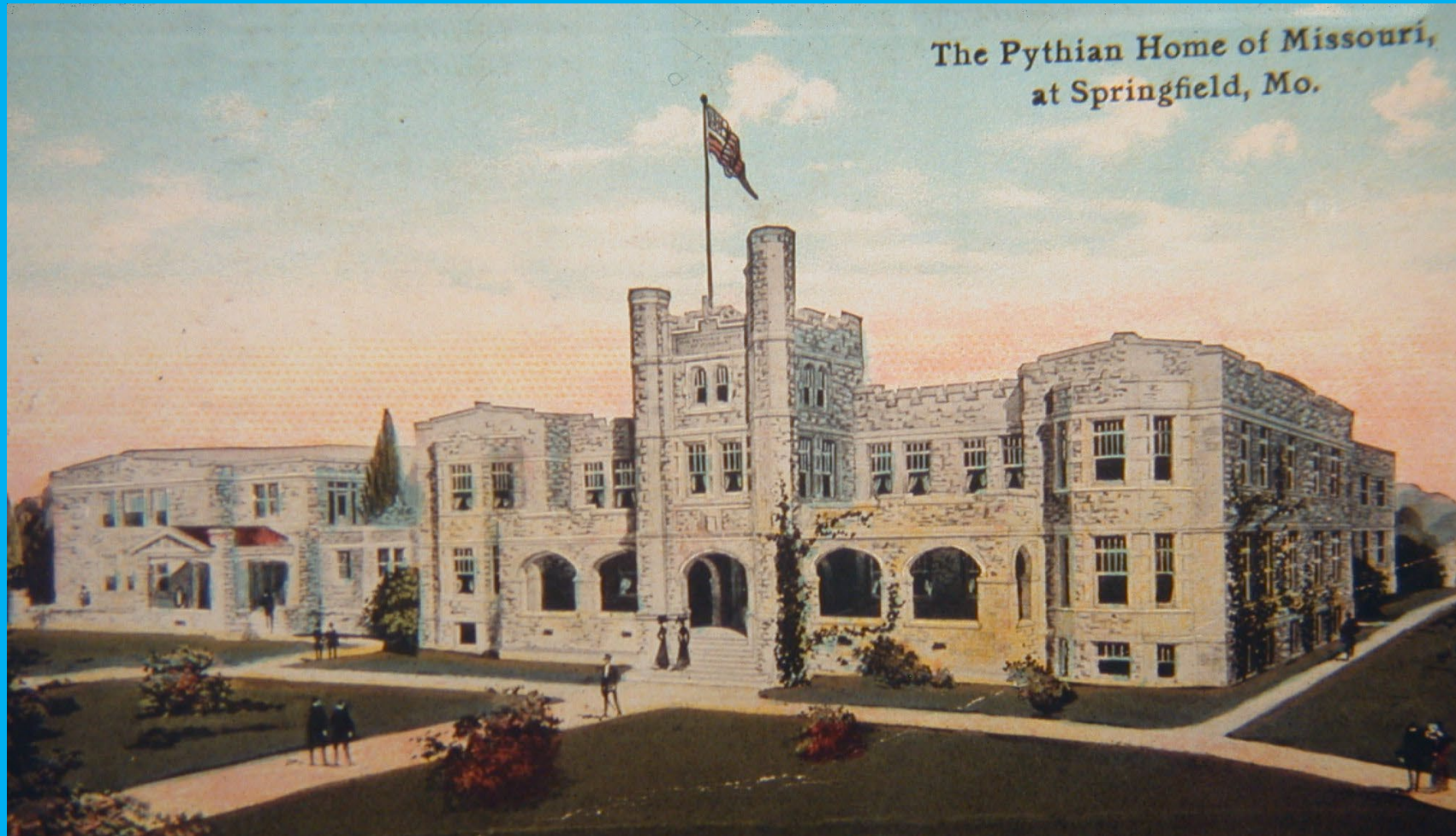




Bird's-Eye View of O'Reilly General Hospital



This unusual photograph taken by T/Sgt. Edward Hurcomb, official post photographer, while flying over the hospital.



Pythian Castle Build in 1913

Had first movie theatre

A staff writer for the Springfield Daily News (1927-1933) predicted that Springfield would soon be filled with statues and monuments honoring Woodruff.

With the removal of his name on the Woodruff Building, there is nothing.

But you will have to agree with me and
my friend, News-Leader Reporter,
Mike O'Brien, when, in a 1999 story,
He declared Woodruff,
The Most Influential
Springfieldian
of the 20th Century!

