



HISTORICALLY SQUEAKING — Ohio City is honoring an automobile inventor this weekend but it was the railroads which caused the community to be founded in the middle of a wilderness. It all began when a group of Delphos businessmen built a narrow gauge railroad from Delphos to Willshire. Fearing that the line would siphon off business to Van Wert, a group of Van Wert businessmen, headed by J. S. Brumback (grandfather of Van Wert National's chairman of the board) built a north and south railroad intersecting the Delphos-Willshire RR about eight miles-south of Van Wert.. This is where the original town site of Ohio City was after wards laid out and plotted. The site was originally known as Van Wert Junction. When the town was platted it was known as Enterprise, but the post office was called Koogle after several families by that name in the area. The name was later changed to Ohio City, back in the good old days.