

Log section of Oklahoma Row
(Moved to this location)
Scale 300 Feet to the Inch

MONTE NE

Map taken from the 1903
Atlas of Benton County

← Current Highway 94 leading to boat launch

Monte Ne

Oklahoma Row Hotel
(Tower is still standing and
basement is sometimes visible)



Missouri Row Hotel
(One fireplace is still
standing in the woods)



**Site of uncompleted
Clubhouse Hotel**
(Foundation remains
are sometimes visible)



Harvey Tomb
(Moved to this location)



Boat Ramp
Hotel Monte Ne
(Foundation rubble
is sometimes visible)



Amphitheater
(Upper rows of seats
are sometimes visible)

Ne I n v e s t m e n t

To reach Monte Ne, take Highway 94 (New Hope Road) east, then continue straight on 94S to the lake. About a mile and a quarter beyond the big curve to the right, opposite Rolynn Drive, is the log structure that was once part of Oklahoma Row. About a mile ahead you will reach the boat launch parking area. Walk back along the lake shore among the trees and you will find a fireplace, all that remains of Missouri Row. Further on you will see the tower,

foundation, and, if the lake is low, the basement of Oklahoma Row; the small rooms probably were storage for guest luggage and hotel supplies. When the lake is low you may also be able to see part of the amphitheater. From the boat launch parking area take Highway 94S back to the west. In about a half mile turn left onto Canal Street. Then turn left on the dirt road opposite Summit Drive. Park and walk north along the shore to the amphitheater.

THE STORY OF MONTE NE



This is William H. "Coin" Harvey, founder of Monte Ne. Harvey had been a national political figure and a leader of the free silver movement. A book he wrote in support of free silver was titled Coin's Financial School, thus his nickname. Harvey became disillusioned after the free silver candidate, William Jennings Bryan, was defeated in the Presidential election of 1896. He came to Northwest Arkansas and purchased property at Silver Springs, five miles southeast of Rogers. He changed the name of the community to "Monte Ne," which he said were the Spanish and Native American words for "mountain" and "water."

Hotel Monte Ne

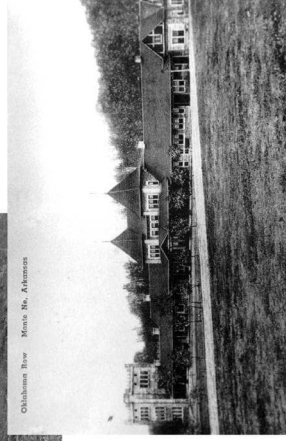
Harvey began an ambitious building program that eventually resulted in three hotels, a tennis court, an indoor swimming pool, a railroad line, and a depot. The Hotel Monte Ne was the first building, completed in 1901. In 1905 the log hotel Missouri Row was completed. Five years later Oklahoma Row, another log hotel with a concrete tower, was finished. Both log hotels were designed by the noted Rogers architect, A.O. Clarke.



By the 1920s the resort was failing. Harvey turned to a new project. Convinced the fall of civilization was coming, he wanted to leave a warning for the future. He decided to build a 130-foot-tall obelisk he called the Pyramid. It was to contain a message to future generations and a time capsule from the 1920s.



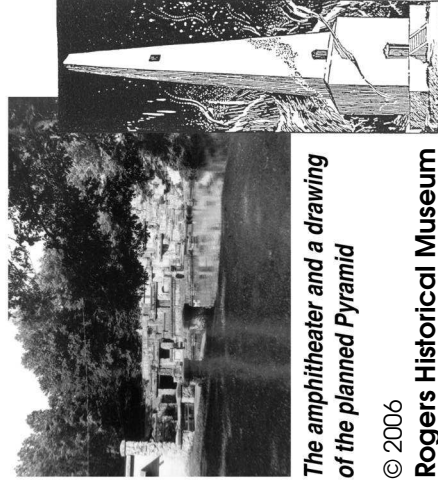
Missouri Row



Oklahoma Row

Harvey was never able to construct his Pyramid, but he did build the amphitheater that was to have been its base. In the amphitheater Harvey was nominated for the Presidency by the Liberty Party in 1932. He died four years later and was buried in a concrete vault next to a son who had died years before.

The amphitheater and a drawing of the planned Pyramid



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MONTE NE TODAY



Beneath the waters of Beaver Lake lie the remains of Monte Ne, a resort founded in 1900 by William H. "Coin" Harvey. Only a few remnants of the resort normally are visible along Highway 94 and among the trees along the lake shore. But sometimes the waters of Beaver Lake recede, making more of the resort's remains visible. If you visit Monte Ne when the lake is low you may even see the amphitheater that locals refer to as "the pyramids." This brochure will help you recognize the landmarks remaining at Monte Ne and will show you what the original structures looked like.