

## MASONIC TEMPLE, MOBERLY MO.







## MOBERLY, RANDOLPH COUNTY

A Friendly City of Opportunity, Ideally and In Tune With Progress

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LOCATION: Moberly a community of 14,251 inhabitants, 92% American born, lies in an agricultural and livestock region 148 miles northwest of St. Louis and 131 miles east of Kansas City. It is the largest city in the wide expanse of North Missouri between

St. Joseph on the west, Hannibal on the east and Des Moines on the north. It is a Wabash Railroad division point between Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha, Des Moines and Decatur, Illinois.

HISTORY: In 1866 the Wabash conducted a lot sale to develop a town. The first rail shops west of the Mississippi were built in 1872 and the town that became the home-town of General Omar N. Bradley soon became known as the "Magic City" in metropolitan papers, which dwelt on its rapid growth as a transportation center. Moberly was named for Col. W. E. Moberly, early day railroad president, whose descendant, Capt. James A. Moberly, rode to fame as navigator and gunner on the flying fortress "Dry Martini" in World War II.

AIRPORT: The General Omar N. Bradley Municipal Airport, named in honor of a native son, is located  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles north of the city on Highway 63. The airport area covers 197 acres of land. The total cost of the airport was \$400,000. The field is a Class 3, CAA rating.

CHURCHES: Moberly has 23 Protestant Churches and two Catholic Parishes. All supplied with excellent church buildings.

CITY GOVERNMENT: In September, 1944, Moberly adopted the City Manager Form of Government which consists of 5 councilmen, one of whom is chosen as mayor and all serving a term of three years.

CIVIC: The community is served with a strong Chamber of Commerce of 450 members with  $\alpha$  full time paid executive, Rotary, Kiwanis, Progressive Club, Business & Professional Women's Club, Music Club, University Women's and other cultural and fraternal organizations.

CLIMATE: Altitude above sea level 872 feet. The prevailing winds are from the south and southwest. Annual precipitation over a period of 16 years, 37.62 inches. The average mean temperature is 53.7 degrees. The average growing season is 185 days.

FAIRS: The Randolph County Fair and Rodeo is a three day annual agricultural and livestock show, sponsored by the Moberly Chamber of Commerce. Prizes are awarded in horticulture, livestock, poultry, 4-H Club activities and home economics.

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## **Description**

A map showing railroad connections to principal cities within a 400 mile radius of Moberly, Missouri. Surrounding the map are photographs and text describing life in Moberly and Randolph County, Missouri. Photographs and text of the General Omar N. Bradley Municipal Airport are highlighted in red pencil. Handwriting on the back reads: "Official File 273, 6-3-46." M183 is located on the back of this map.

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