How Did We Travel Post-Railroad and Pre-Community Transit?

The railroad reached all the way to Monte Cristo in 1893, but with sporadic service came lapses in communication. Around 1910, auto stages started carrying passengers and mail to Granite Falls.

The top photo shows McCoy Stage's 1912 Cadillac and Model T Ford parked by the bank in Granite Falls.

The second shows that same Cadillac with mail loaded on its hood, passengers inside, and future postmaster C.R. Bockmier (driver) stopped at the Lochsloy Post Office (now a gas station and convenience store).

A picture from 1924 shows mail to outlying areas like Robe being delivered on horseback, a period during which Granite Falls Post Office operated a Model T touring car to deliver mail around the loop of Menzel Lake Rd and Robe Menzel Rd - our first "rural route delivery."



McCoy's Stage had two automobiles: a 1912 Cadillac and a Model-T Ford.



C. R. Bockmier drove McCoy's Stages Cadillac before he was appointed Granite Falls Postmaster.



Les Ferrell rode a horse to deliver mail to Robe in 1924.