

and they put them in a little water works system. They had a water tank and run lines over town. They had the hardware and they had the barber shop and a harness shop. 'Course, there was a bank. They had an Odd-Fellows Hall Lodge Hall.

BILL SHELTON DISLIKED BOOTLEGGERS

(Did they have a town marshal?)

No, they didn't have any city government.

(I find that's true in most of these old towns. They did not have any law as we know it now.)

Old Bill Shelton was the Deputy United States Marshal. And he was the one that chased them bootleggers all through the country. Oh, he used to catch a lot of bootleggers.

(Old Bill Shelton, huh? They'd bring the whiskey out of Arkansas and Missouri, I guess.)

Mostly out of southwest end of Missouri, up in that area. I tell you that Bill Shelton--he sure had it in for them bootleggers. I think he said that bootleggers killed his dad. He'd lay out on them trails at night. One night, he was on a--Henry Ballard, you've heard of Henry Ballard? Well, he and his partner Blake Parris--one time, we had that store over there. See, my father died suddenly of a heart attack. And I went home to run that store for a couple of years, and there wasn't anything like car mechanics or anything hardly. And I used to mess around with cars a little--kinda half way mechanic. I had been somewhere that night. I was just trying to think where it was. Anyway, it was late in the evening, and mother said, "A couple of fellas out here want to see you." And their car had broke down, and they couldn't get it started. So, I went down there, and one of them was Blake Harris,