

dad. And he still can. He's an old man but - -

( Did they carry those instead of guns, or did they carry - - )

Oh, some of them carried - - few of them carried guns, but most of them didn't know anything about a gun. They carried them 'cause then they 'd go out huntin', they need a knife to, you know, skin out the game with. And a lot of guys, you know, they just - - they just lived off the land. It didn't make any difference if it happened to be somebody's chickens, or somebody's cows. If they got hungry they eat. They had to. Hundreds of thousands of people come in. At one time, I heard my father say, there was sixty or seventy thousand people off in that little town of Drumright. And when they come in, - that oil field come in - it was a little farm town, and the people didn't know how to deal with crowds like that. And in 1914 to 1918, little kids, old people died of typhoid fever. And then they died when the boys came back from the war, you know they brought the German measles with them. I took the measles and my sisters took the measles. My little baby sister had the measles. Well, that's before the war really, that she had them, and we did. We had the measles and they had the - - well, now, they call it dysentery. But then, we called it summer complaint. (( Irrelevant conversation ) And ah - you know - - my sister died of just died, and ah - - but anyway, back to this tent. We were jammed in there like the timber down there, you know. You could just reach out and touch somebody's tent. They was all like that. And we had this long, way long tent, with a table and kitchen in it. And we had another tent for the family to sleep in. And then these men, they all had their own tent. And they had cots in there. And that's what it is man was sleepin' on. And somebody pinned this paper on the door first. It had a crude skull and cross bones, you know. And it wasn't a big knife stuck through there then. It was a pretty good knife, but it was just like the big knife that was stuck in him. And I