

INDIAN COURT FOR INDIANS

(You were talking earlier about that Indian Court where they sentenced-- that was Indian sentencing an Indian, wasn't it?)

Yes.

(Did they let white people--some of you could listen in to the kind of trial that went on?)

Oh yes. If they wanted to go why it was open to anybody to hear it.

They never did bar white people from listening.

(How did they get--how did the Indians--did they elect somebody to serve as the judge?)

Yeah. I think so. Judge Tom Oaks was Judge of that Indian Court once and he used to live down here at Doaksville before he bought his home up there. That was before we came here. In fact the Oakses, they originated from that area. There was old people come there, you know. And Judge come up and bought our man by the name of Parsell and I never did see him. But they told me that Parsell settled that place--pretty place up there where they lived. And so--there was three of them Oakses and every one of them was Judge or Justice of Peace. They was all law abidin' men and they had good jobs. Have you met Sue Meyers?

(No.)

SUE OAKS - 85 YEARS OLD

His daughter was named Sue Meyers. Sue Oaks--

(Now does she live at Sober now?)

Yeah.

(I had planned to go see her.)

It would be good idea. She is just four years younger than me. I have known her ever since she was ten, no, twelve years old. Her family is away now and she is gettin' poorly. She is 85. She is failing a little this year. Mary brings her down sometimes and we take her to singings and around. And they had a big rodeo at Hugo and Edgar--they