

and at that time we was parked by a oil rig and oil rigs were made out of wood. And my brother ada one of my sisters, my youngest brother and one of my sisters was to drive the horses away from this rig if the fire came to us and my mother and hundreds of other women were workin' makin' coffee and food to, to feed all these men t hat were workin' in the fire and my older brothers they were workin' my father was workin' there. And they, they were diggin' ditches and puttin' dikes up round--you see, this oil was just boiling out, you know, and then this dike didn't hold at all from where these tanks would see, so they were building other dikes around it, jest as fast as they could and diggin' ditches. Well, they jest couldn't work fast and there was hundreds and hundreds of people, but they couldn't work fast enough. So they, somebody got the sweet idea and they cut a ditch to the creek and they set the creek on fire.

(Well, that didn't put it out.)

No, it didn't put it out fire--it jest went right on burin' see? And now that that's where--got some of his oil, from thigns like that, where the oil would go down.

And I don't know if you ever heard of a skimmer or not, but that's the things they had you could get on the water and you skim all this oil off from it and they had a way of puttin' it in these tanks and on these wagons and haulin' 'em off. And they sold it and they got good, you know, they got good money for it--two or three dollars a barrel. But my daddy fought that fire, boy they fought--I can remember that like it was yesterday. Course of kids, it was a big show, see. We was, you know, you kids they get kinda brave till it gets right up close. lBut I remember my brother got outa the wagon and was sittin' on the floor of this rig and pretty soon here come my mother with some other women and she said get in the wagon and drive the team away. Well, she jumped up in the back of the wagon, her and these women jumped on the back and course ~~us~~ girls was already in there and my brother jest sit there, he was gonna watch it you know how little boys do and he was jest gonna watch fire and here this flame came over the set the top of the rig on fire and then he got a big move on and we drove out of there boy, the rig went up, jestlike that. I've seen those prairies on fire over there several times, but never, never that big. Jest