

patronized that bank. On their lease monies and other incomes. They usually just mortgage a saddle horse, saddle, and their outfit--buggy and harness, and team. Especially before they came to Darlington for payments. Some of them come all the way from Red Moon and Hammon, towards Elk City, and Seiling, way out furthest up the reservation on the Canadian on the Canadian side--Dewey County. Some come from Kingfisher and El Reno, Watonga, Canton, Clinton.

(Were there any other banks out here in this country at this time?) Well, they had the Watonga Bank. And at Canton they had this bank in the middle of town at that time. Of course Clinton had a bank, but it's a new town then. I knew the Indian boy that sold that quarter section where Clinton stands now. His name was Shoe Boy, a Cheyenne. And the adjacent allotment to him was owned by an Indian girl by the name of Ella Butts. She had been to Carlisle and came home. Pronounced tubercular. So that's how Clinton started. And the bank would send me down, say, about twice a week from Geary during the payments. Be around people that got their pay. And they were good payers, then, these older people. Every time they saw me--I had blank receipts, you know--they'd pay me off. Pay their notes off. Some of them would be just three or four days old. And I'd give them a receipt and then first chance I got I took the train from Fort Reno to Geary and turn in the money. Got their notes out and mark them paid, and bring it back to them. When I get back others would pay. Pay the bank through me. It kept up sometimes three weeks.

(Do you remember how much you got paid when you were working there?)

I got a hundred and twenty-five dollars a month at that time.

INCOME FROM LEASES AND LAND SALES

(What kind of payments were the Indians getting at that time?) Well, some of them had land sales. Very, very seldom they had land sale, but a few of them got land sales where families had died off. Maybe a father was living and a mother was living, children, and they decide to sell their surplus land. And disburse the money. Others got good lease money. Lease money wasn't much them days--just now breaking up the sod, you know,