

set in (--) too many kids. See, my mama had 10 kids of her own lived to be grown and she raised six orphan boys. So, phooey, a lot of chairs goin' to get in the way. That's the truth.

(I had never thought about that.)

Oh, you'd abetter believe it. I'm telling you, we lived many months there and people were jammed; you talk about your boom towns, there was--you could reach out and touch your neighbor, you know, you camped wherever you found a spot of ground. Well, like this place right here. Be a lot of days we rent you a spot for your tent for a dollar a month. That's the way we did. And you got water wherever you'd get it. Now mister. I mean you can talk all you want. There was a beautiful creek over there and runs right through the county and still does. And the people that run the town ought to be shot. They polluted and let it be polluted and these its still polluted and they don't do a blamed thing about it. It's been polluted all these years. The oil companies first polluted it and then everybody's gettin' water out of there and that was the reason half the kids died. Aw, man, we'd be playing with some little kid today and tomorrow that little kid was dead. And if they died, this morning they buried this afternoon. They couldn't afford to wait. I got a sister. That's way she did. She died when she's seven months old. I can still see that little baby laying on a wagon seat on a pillow and I can still hear her cry. And, shoot, we was too sick. We had the measles. And then got over measles, we had, wella we called it summer complaint then. It's dysentery. Well, we paid 50¢ to \$1.00 a barrell for water. Anyway we'd scrub the floor when we finally did have a house to scrub the floor in. Well, we'd take the water and we washed the dishes in. My father fixed a filter system you know. He'd take two pieces of canvas and he'd stretch it over a