

now then, I think the last 20 years people have seen what Oklahoma really is. I don't know if you can remember this or not but I can remember a few of these houses back when I was a kid, the typical Oklahoma house outside of the town was like this: two rooms here that one here and down there with a half story up above. No porch, nothing! see. Now you don't see too many of those now. That was a typical Oklahoma house when I was growing up. And you could find that anywhere you went in Oklahoma. And a lot of possibilities still that could be developed here, if people would just do it.

FAMILY EXPERIENCES:

When my father got to western Oklahoma, there was a great many of other homesteaders there, ahead of 'em and they had already established a school, you know, in Lugert. Mr. Lugert was the main person there and so, you know, owned a big store there. But from where I homesteaded one, there wasn't any road the children there had to climb over this mountain, you know, in all kinds of weather or go around and if the river was up, well then they couldn't go around and they'd have to climb over. And in this gap, rocks were always falling down and you know, was never opened really. So, finally, Mr. Lugert and other, some other merchants there at the time got together with the people, the farmers, homesteaders on other side of mountain, you know. Somebody donated so much money and some donated cement. Father was one of two men that knew how to mix cement and agreed to do this job and they built this at the time where was a quarter of mile road through there and my father also knew a little bit about bustin' these huge granite boulders, see. And they busted those and believe it or not, the way they busted 'em wasn't dynamite. They had