

was hard-up but that was his method in that--by the way his successor in that store put a sign I never saw this in another store before, but he had a great big sign that said, "In God we Trust, All Others Cash." But Silas Fountain was also kind of a surveyor, he was a self-taught man but he was a recognized surveyor. I mean he knew that so much bearings to right and so many degrees to this way, right way, and how to go across the river and measure it from there, you cross this, in fact he did a survey on our new camp grounds. I followed him I was the flag man on the job.

CREDIT WITH INDIANS AND WHITES:

(Did this other store, did they use credit business too?)

Yes. Both of 'em did. In fact to exist. But he had a fire one time, that burned out his store and burned up, about \$400.00 worth of equipment. And sorry to say some of it he didn't collect. But many people came to him and said, well, I remember how much I owe you cause he would always look up what the balance was the next ticket would carry up on it. He'd have to stand there \$-- for each. There was a regular charge, for keeping it. But he'd always keep them informed bout what their balance was and many of the people would come through, and nearly came to the (--)

(Well, he must of had some trouble collecting sometime in order to pull this--this gas deal?)

Well, one time let's fill in on the story. He and another fellow--he was suppose to handle liquor his store. In fact, he got in trouble one time with the revenue men. And he was paying off for a new diesel engine for his salt mill. But the boys ran into a train while he was sittin in the jail at Muskogee. Let's put this through--he didn't come