

(Over here would this land be considered upland?)

Yeah, upland.

(And what we're on right now is upland, too?)

Yeah. And then there's an elevation of land between this and that bottom land. Now that's first bottom land there. But the next would be like where Jesse Chisholm's buried--second bottom. And then this is ridge land.

(That second-bottom--is that--?)

That's pretty good grade. That's considered to be a pretty good grade of land. You can raise a good crop of wheat and all that. But that type of land is the only kind that raises alfalfa.

(Do they ever have any problem around here with alkali or salt?)

Oh, yeah. My eighty acres was alkali. I used to get after my father about it. I said, "Why did you have to put me on this eighty acres of alkali? Did you think I was going to live here?" "Well," he said, "We didn't know that, at that time, was considered poor. I wanted you right next to me. I was on the west side of you. That's all I thought of--that you'd be right west of me. I didn't know your land was no good."

(What about land like this bottom land--does the river water ever make it salty--?)

Oh, once in a while. But there's regular bottom land that is just overflowed every year. Every little rain, the water gets out, and it becomes alkali. Yeah, that's the way my land was. I never had good land.

(Do they ever use the water from this river to irrigate?)

No. Not then. They do now. Up around west of Watonga there's