

Different-- They'd set up places with different dealers. They're the ones that deal the cards. Whoever won the most and wanted to try his luck at dealing, well he's just-- it's just open. Public.

(Did the Indians ever gamble with white men?)

Oh yeah. I've gambled with whitemen right here in this town. Upstairs--

(But it's against the law?)

It's against the law on reservations but wasn't against in--

(Oh, I see.)

I've gambled right here in this town.

HOW JESS'S FATHER WAS INJURED AND GOT BLOOD POISONING:

(How did you come to get that job at the bank?)

Well, I was at home. My father had blood poisoning. He was hauling lumber for his nephew down here at the river bottom. This river had overflowed. And the road's was just dirt roads and some big old cottonwoods about that bit--you know when it's overflowed how the water whirls about them, you know, and digs up a lot of dirt and leaves pits around the trees. My father was the last one that driving a wagon load down that road and his wagon skidded into that tree and got stuck and his nephew--son-in-law--went on ahead of him. They wait for him at the base but he didn't show up. So they walked back and there he was, stuck. Hind wheel was stuck against that tree. . . .and he mashes his finger there against that bad wheel. So they got one of the teams and brought it back, and double-trees and hooked them in front of them ~~two~~ horses you know. Put them on backward, first. Backed the team up, and this other team pulling. Got quite a ways, and then they put this team in front. They started out and got through. He got blood poisoning. I came home. I worked at the store and came home for that. My father's arm was swollen, and blood poisoning set in. The missionaries worked on him. And while I was there, this boy that had worked with this bank got some money way up in Wyoming. So the banker needed Indian help so he came out and saw me and he asked me if I would work for him. If I could handle it. I said, "Yeah, I been working in the store two years-- trading store." He said, "Well I get you to work for us." He started me at