

I was running down the grandstand and I fell and hurt my head and had to have quite a few stitches taken in it. My head was cut pretty bad. Then there was a place called Carthage, Missouri, that we went to and it wasn't--I didn't think a very big town, but we stayed there at a hotel. And my Dad had several horses and we would go to the carnival, but after awhile even the carnival didn't seem exciting to us.

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Then after a few years my Dad saw that it was better that we stay home or take a trip elsewhere. So my oldest sister, she wanted to take us to Colorado Springs and spend the summer so he let her take us up there and we spent the summer up there in Colorado Springs and she rented a house and we lived up there. Then when the Cheyenne Frontier days came along we went to that. We stayed over there with my brother-in-law, Charlie Pratt, he was my sister Mary's husband. He was a roper, calf roper, steer roper and he would take in the ropin's and be one of the contestants in the ropin's. We would go over there and stay and attend the Frontier days. We would see the parade and go to the carnival and shows and whatever they had that was there with the Frontier days. He, one year, I remember, we all laughed about it, they'd give different place money always before, but that year he placed 5th. And they didn't give 5th place money so he was left out. Then, back to Colorado Springs, I remember they had the skating rink up there and so many of the Osages used to go up there and rent houses and spend the whole summers at Colorado Springs and it was just like being at home, we'd see so many of the Osages up there and lot of times in later years why they used to turn their radios on late at night and get the different dance bands that were popular around here in Pawhuska and the bands that I remember was Bob Wills, they used to call back here and request songs and he would make announcement and we would listen to it and he would be announcing somebody