

was about 1905 or '06, before statehood anyway.

(Well, in those days, the industry was farming and ranching?)

Yes.

(Mostly farming was it?)

Well, cattle was just about as big a part of it as was. Of course we had plenty of pasture and the land hadn't been plowed up so much for cultivation.

However, my father always farmed, he raised corn and oats and most things and we had quite a few cattle and hogs.

(Is this the original grain elevator here on the railroad, or did you have another one?)

That wasn't here when we first came here. We didn't have anything like that, any grain elevators. They might have had them at Pryor, but we didn't have any because I remember when that elevator was built.

(Well, I have wondered, too, in the early days, how did people heat their homes then? What did they use for cooking?).

Used wood mostly and then later on they opened up a coal bank over around Bushyhead, Chelsea and over in there and then we had coal.

(Well, you had to go to the river then for your wood supply.)

Yes, they had to get out and go to the creek and cut their wood, or someone out there would maybe bring it to town, and sell it to people here.

(Do you recall anything about when the railroad came through here?)

No. The railroad was here when we came.

(I haven't found out just what year it came through.)

I don't know either. It was brought to Vinita earlier because my father made a trip down here, and then they were putting in the Frisco at Vinita, but I