

a new low. And it was just pretty hard time for the Osage about that time. Of course they took steps in Congress to try to help the Indian as a whole which included the Osage. But as time went on, I think Mr. Roosevelt at the time, came in did what he could. They had the Work Progress Administration and they had the Indian department for that, which employed the Indians to work for the W.P.A. on certain projects. And I remember they built roads and bridges and more or less did the soil conservation at the time. And I remember there had been a lot of lakes--small lakes--ponds you might call them. And so during that time that we were quite fortunate to have a (word not clear). And about that time my older sister became ill and had to take care of her and we had quite a struggle. We had a large family and lot of relatives. And it seemed like we never had too hard a problem that couldn't be solved. And so as it went on in the thirties that I was graduated from high school and I took a--tried to run my dad's farm as he was more or less interested in this Osage politics at the time. Him and Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Morrell, and oh, it was a group of Osages that were looking after the welfare of the Osage. And course the--there was always a problem when we had our elections, we had the full-blood ticket and we had the mixed blood ticket. And we would have quite a heated election in those days, and I don't recall who were all the councilmen at the time. And but they were kind of half and half. Half would yell, course the--Mr. Lookout would more or less be retained as chief. But it would always be a heated election either way it went. And like anything else no one--not everyone was satisfied with the result. But they took the good with the bad. And so as time went on we tried to pass legislation to help our tribe. And of course long that time too there were, more or less, performed the Elonska Dance at the time. It's the old dance order of the Osages. And I remember when they were back in the early thirties --thirty-five or thirty-six, something like that. My cousin Alfred he had the