

they wanted to make a lease on that Hoof place--you know that Agnes showed us. She said, "There's fourteen heirs of us. Now what they do with their money, they want to draw their January lease money." And you know, Agnes told us how much money she had in the bank, and all that, on the way back? But Margaret told me that they was all up there. See, little Aggie was up there, and Joe was in town, and Matilda--oh, there's eight or nine of them there. Probably wanted to get their lease money on the January lease money due. So Agnes must not have had enough money.

Bob: She told us she spent six thousand dollars last--I don't doubt it because she drew her two thousand twenty-three hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$2,325.00) just like that--and they did make a good lease or two--on their mineral (?) lands--

Jess: She said that there's one lease that they want to draw--that's six hundred dollars a year. So fourteen of them--some of them--secondary heirs--wouldn't get much..

STEGALL'S COMMENTS ON HIS WORK WITH INDIANS

Bob: You know all that I've told you about the disadvantages--I made a remark to you--I think it was last summer--I said I'm getting lonesome to see those people back up there. Margaret and Kate Osage and Myrtle Lincoln and--I'm just used to--

Jess: Now Myrtle--she's independent. She's got good land and good income. She saves her money. She's one of the gold star mothers of the tribe.

Bob: You know, they wanted me to get a permit to carry a pistol. But I'd rather give my job up than shoot one of them.

(I think that would be a big mistake, myself--in a way--)

Bob: The thing of it is--why would you want to set there--I'd kill one if they'd do me like they did that old man--that eight-nine year old blind man up there (That was beaten up and robbed). I know I'd kill him if I had a gun.