

And this Agnes Hoof over here, she's got an oil and gas lease on her place. She received a check for \$2,000.00 from a major oil company. The bank required her to deposit \$1500.00 and they took out \$15.00 for cashing the check.

Another man, Benny Harrison, he got \$370.00, a check for an oil lease from a major oil company. The bank took out \$5.00 for cashing the check.

Another time I got a call from the publisher of a paper in Hiawatha, Kansas. He wanted me to help get his newspaper photographer out of jail in Geary. I didn't know the man, and I didn't know the photographer, but I finally went over to see what could be done. The photographer was an Indian boy and had been put in jail for drunkenness and driving without a license. His name was Leland Friday, and he has a sister living in Atonga. He was driving through here, and he had pulled off the road near Geary to sleep. He started on about 3:30 am. He had a flat tire, and I saw the flat tire myself the next day, and verified that. Anyway, the night watchman of the city of Geary picked him up. Accused him of being drunk and found he didn't have a driver's license with him and took him to jail. Told him his fine would be \$25.00 for both offenses. That's what the Hiawatha publisher was told the fine would be, and he was asking me to pay it and help get him out. The boy wasn't drunk and the night watchman never filed the drunk charge, though he told me "he looked a little bit drunk." I paid his fine of \$15.00. Next day they wired me the money back. But the Geary night watchman has no jurisdiction outside the city limits of Geary, and the boy was four miles outside of town. What business did he even have out there that time of night? He was outside of town at a time when he should have been on duty here. And if he did happen to be there and notice anything like that, he should have notified the highway patrol. They're the ones that should pick up someone on the highway.

The conditions at Canton are much worse than here in Geary. There used to be a sign as you went into Canton; "No Indians or hogs allowed in city limits after sundown." Someday when you have lots of time I could tell you about Minnie-ha-ha Creek and "Indian Territory"--you know, that park right here in Canton. Canton's got a lake (Canton Reservoir). It's a resort town. People come from all over--Oklahoma City, Enid, etc., to come there for the weekend. They pick up these 13 and 14 year old Indian gals and go to the motel and have a good time. Buy some nice catfish at the fish hatchery on the way home to show their wives. They live it up in a motel. I was criticized for taking eight young girls away from Canton and sending them to boarding schools, foster homes, etc. Said I was ruining the economy of the town. I found one of the girls I was looking for in a beer joint on a Sunday morning. Indian girls don't feel free to go into a confectionary or drug store and get a coke. They go into these beer joints. In Canton the beer joints serve sandwiches and cokes, as well as beer. That way they are permitted to allow minors to enter. If they just sold beer, minors couldn't go in. I found this girl in one of these places, drinking a coke. Last night had been Saturday night, and it had been a big night, so naturally she had a little money.