

of it left out there now. Oh, long time ago there was a lot of people out there. They shipped out a trainload of oil. They decided the center the business is cattle.

CATTLE COUNTRY

(Yeah. That's right, too. Lots of cattle grow in this country.)

It's known as a cattle town. They used to ship the cattle in here and trail 'em west. Oh, I'll never forget Tom Isabel. Now, that was-- he was Ed Barnes' last brother. He was an Isabel. He was the first man to fire a shot in Cuban-American war. Tom Isabel. You go up there and talk to them. They can give you a lot of history.

So, anyway, Isabel had a pint of whiskey in his hip pocket. And one of these steer hit him, and knocked him into the fence. And I had to get up on the coal. I was just a kid. I never will forget he put his hand back there. Lord, I hope that's blood. I hope that's blood. Pretty soon he said, oh no. It's my whiskey. I'll never forget that as long as I live.

(He could stand to lose the blood, but not his whiskey.)

I'll tell you to go up there. 'Course you can't talk to Billy Friend anymore. Seen this man, all packing boxes on the porch and I ask him what was what. Said, they're getting ready to go to California, Hadn't told him. Notified him or darn thing. I told Mr. Friend, I said, you know those people out there at the ranch are getting ready to leave. Said, why, no. Said, well, they are. They're packing up. Said they was goint to California. They never did go, but they got the car. Came out. Told him, yeah. They was going to leave. In turn, they just left him standing high and dry. He couldn't get anybody to run it. I said, well, Mr. Friend, I can run the darn thing. So, I took over. That was the last year... see, Bill Friend used to live down there on Mustang. He was my neighbor. Mr. Friend brought that boy up here and put him through