

OLD EUCHA AND NEW EUCHA

(Well, how a big a place was Eucha in its day?)

Oh, let me think a minute. There was two or three general stores, of course, the blacksmith's shop and the school and the Indians had a church there, you know. You know, one time I taught school over there a couple of times over on Sand Creek when I was a kid. So, we went over there one time to an Indian box supper. But this was in the church house, and me and two or three boys, we--we got to buyin' them boxes and cuttin' up, we wasn't doin' anything out of the way. You know how fellas do at box suppers. A lot of racket was goin' on. Somebody touched me on the shoulder and I looked up and there was a full-blood Indian law. Had a big six-shooter on and he said, "Be quite! You're in church!"

(Just to show how reverent they were.)

Well, I wasn't thinking of it in that light, just a box supper. We wasn't doin' a thing out of the way. And I always remembered that.

(Yes, sir, they're pretty serious about that.)

They sure are.

(Regardless of what a place is--used for, boy, it's still a church.)

they have a big dinner on the ground and big singin' and church over there by Jay. And I went to one there a couple of years ago. Boy, they had a big feed, and, then, they sing, and they'd have speakin'.

Do you know Ben Smith?

(I just know of him. Is that that community up north of Jay they call Delaware?)

No, no, this is over Cane Creek. Delaware is north of Nowata.