

the book. Like I say, there are so many things people can do. But as far as the payments going down, as long as you're young enough, and you have a little enough even a farm or something to make a living, you can; but we have so many of the Osage people, and that's what I told Mr. Brantly Blue. He is the new Indian on the Indians' Claim Commission. He is a lovely Indian from Kingsfort, Tennessee. My people are all Cherokees and they come from that area. My people live at Kingsfort, Tennessee, and Greenville, Tennessee, where Dianne, Mr. Blue's wife, that's her home town. We mostly called on them because they were from Kingsfort, Tennessee. I did. Vess had visited them before, and they're very nice people. When Vess went to the Indians Claims Commission, that day when the Council sent this telegram stating that--they said that he was the delegate with the Indian Oklahoma Delegation, the Osage delegate with the Oklahoma Indian Delegation, was there to attend to help matters only. The tribal council will come in at a later date to talk about the claims. Bud Wilkinson is a good friend of Vess's, and this telegram was sent to Bud; but in his telegram, it did not mention Sylvester Tinker as the Osage Delegate. It said the Osage Delegates. Well, we were over to see Bradley Blue. Now, Vess, this didn't say as a member of the Osage council. He said, "As a member of the Osage tribe, I would like to find the status of this claim." We had had this Henry Allen, was a Tonkawa boy with us. We were just visiting around different departments. Mr. Blue heard him out, but we had met him and a man by the name John Vance, who was a Chairman of the Indians Claims Commission. He took us back into his office. We visited more personally about the Indian people in his area: