

he finally came back, he got the telegram and he handed it to Vess. It didn't say who the delegate was. It just said the Osage delegate there was to attend to nothing but this health meeting. Anyway, when he came back, I knew that there was something wrong the way Vess hesitated so long over the reading. It was just a telegram. Finally, Bud said, "Can you make anything out of it?"

I said, "Well, may I read it?" When I got it, I read it, and I said, "Well, Bud, do you want me to tell you in just plain English what this means? It means that he's not to open his mouth on anything only on health matters."

He said, "Well, we'll fix that." He showed Vess what to do to counteract them. They went to this meeting at 11 o'clock, and Ed Edmonson laughed. Vess said, "You know what that Bud done to me? He sent a telegram up here. I got one up Vess." They laughed about it. We went to Henry Bellmon's office. After the meeting, we went to his office. We sent one to Fred Harris, Henry Bellmon, and Lewis Bruce Commissioner, who wouldn't take office until the 15th of February, and Bud Wilkinson, and they sent a copy to Vess that he got after the meeting was over and after the other delegates had gone home. We had stayed over. It's just a petty trivial little thing that they were doing. Anyway, after Henry Bellmon told Vess, he went over to the corner, and he said, "Dictate a letter to Alice and give it to my girl here and answer if you want to." Sylvester: So, we did. (Laughter.)

Alice: Another thing is: they're going to say that all this group. That's what they're always saying and already are saying. This group has started this claims, and if you people don't go along with us, then,