

and died on those cattle cars. They'd ship them up here to this grass, and they'd be so damn poor, some of them would die on the way. It'd be (background noise), you know. But they get up here on this good blue stem grass. And some of them would fatten up. Some of them wouldn't. Old John Able, he went down and ship some of them East Texas Cattle. Down from where I come from, they got to cut down elm trees in the spring of the year and beat the dust to live on. /laughter/ Didn't have no grass down there. He kept them up here for three summers and they never did get fat. Of course, the calves that they had would fatten up, but them old hard bound cattle, they wouldn't fatten at all. But all good stock cattle, they'd ship out west Texas and southern Texas up here, down on the line. Oh, old John Able sold that whole bunch to George down here. George Andrews sell some of them to me, but I wouldn't have them. Boy, look at them boys, would you?

OIL OPERATION

(...this early day oil operations around here. Did they...)

Well, I'll tell you. It was just a start when I left here.

(Yeah.)

In nineteen and four, cut wood for the boiler. It was the first oil, well, supposed to be oil well drilled in this country. That was out here on Sunset Creek right north of the Claremore town.

Fella moved in a little old rig there, and short rig, and had one of these upright boilers. He carved with woods in a bottle, and we drilled it there. He couldn't drill but eight hundred feet deep. Drilled eight hundred feet deep and didn't get no oil and swore down to the left and swore there wasn't any in this country, you know.

(Yeah.)

That was 1904. And now, the first oil that ever come into this