

he got, interesting, he put it in. He got "Payment at Mount Scott." There was only one payment made at Mount Scott, and that was at nineteen hundred and eight. All the three tribes were called by the government over there to hold a general council and all draw annuity payment at the same place. They call all the United States marshals and Indian police because that was happening outside of town, and there would be lot of money there. It was on the reservation near a trading post where the public comes around. So they put all the policemen and United States marshals and sheriffs alerted. I was one of the policemen. Nineteen hundred and eight. I was there.

(What was the payment for?)

Well, it was the annual annuity payment for the tribe. I think it was seventy-five or a hundred dollars apiece. Let me ask my wife. She was just a young single girl then (Nellie). (Pause) She doesn't know. But I think it's July, 1908. Seventy-five dollar payment each.

(That was in silver dollars?)

No. It was given in checks, I think, but we cashed them there at the store. Lot of cash. And lots of gambling going on. That creek--Medicine Creek--in the bottoms out there nothing but gamblers. And the debt collectors from Anadarko, Lawton and all the towns where the Indians trade--run credit--the government didn't allow them to run outside the limits of the store--the trading post, to do their collecting. There was too much money and the United States Marshals and the police had to watch. Every once in a while somebody sneak off into the timber down there and we catch them and run them back off. But all that timber in there was just covered with gambling. One bunch gambling over here and another bunch over there, and they were just all over--night and day.

(Were these white men gamblers?)

They're not allowed to come, I said. There's no white men allowed to mix