

church. But it was a saloon town. They had 3 saloons and first thing we knowed our church come up burned.

(The saloon owners burned it?)

That's what everybody supposed because the people, that was in Texola in the country too, they were trying to get some of those saloons out of town. And during that time the church was burned, my daddy and another--there was another preacher that my daddy was more of an missionary and there was another preacher called to that church and he--his son and my daddy carried a petition to Magnum. They said they'd never allow them to get to Magnum with it, but they left out in the buggy and carried it down there and got it registered. So we had--town there for a few years.

LAW ENFORCEMENT:

(Was there much lawlessness then?)

Well, not too much. Those boys would come in from the ranches and out, sometimes they --anyway they women folks weren't allowed on the streets at night. So I don't know what went on. There was one man killed in one of the cafe's. And that's all the killing I remember of there. They had 2 or 3 cafe's and they had several grocery stores and 2 dry good stores, and 2 banks. two wagon yards and 2 lumber yards, just anything--everything you needed for -- Just--and Erick built up too, but as fast as Texola did. But it wasn't but a few years that Texola practically vanished and Erick was pretty good sized town. We had a drought or two there so people just couldn't stay. And now there isn't anything there, some filling stations and a grocery store. And I guess there's about all and a post-office.

TRIP TO NORMAN:

(Did you ever see much of the Indians?)

What?

(Did you ever see much of the Indians around there?)

There was never any Indians up there, that is after it was opened up for settlement and there was no sign of any Indians living there. There hadn't been for years and years. That bunch of men there was 3 brothers and 2 brother-in-laws they were sisters husbands, and that was settled around in different places, and they had the whole country up there is in a big ranch. And I suppose there and't been any Indians