

them the other day and I didn't fasten them back. Talking about our trip down here, that was my first trip to Norman, we made the trip just fine. We had that trouble taking us so much longer. See, that was a days trip from Purcell over here up to Lexington to Tuhemseh over here and then a days trip back. That's just about all we made. It took 3 or 4 days to make the trip up to where Erick is.

COWBOYS:

(You said you saw a good many cowboys?)

Yeah, there must have been quite a few. They come in, they didn't--they mostly out on the river. The north fork of Red River goes--or is it the south fork of Red River, I don't know, which is it? We called it north fork then, it goes--comes in not far north of Shamrock, Texas. I been clean on up through Canadian, on up through the Canadian River. But then come down around Texola, it's about 5 or 6 miles north of Texola, if you know where Texola is, it's right along the line of 66 now. And they--then it came around Erick and I don't know, I lost track of what I started to tell you.

(About the cowboys.)

Oh, and the Davis's just had one ranch, out just north of Erick there on the river. It's still there, the buildings and all. And it's just south of the river. They didn't cross the river. And it was another ranch that was the Bachelor Brother, he was on a place between Texola and Shamrock but it was north. It was Kinelt. There was a little town out there they call wyay north of Texola and Shamrock. Shamrock and over here west of Texola. And then there was another Lee Davis, he looked after the part between Texola and Rick. I think about 9 miles south, west of Texola, of the Texas line. And then there was 2 in-laws, Neely, his home at the time was there--he sold his--when he he never filed on it or bought it or anything, but when they passed the law to put the country up for homesteads, he filed on his quarter, right there for Erick, he sold it for the Erick town sight. And he went to greener fields way out in west Texas.

(Were these cowboys rody when they came to town?)

No, I think they were very civilized. I never was in town, I was just a child, on out until I was 18, then I went off to school. There was no higher schools around