

that one time. Oh, that was big.

(How long did it take to put it out?)

I don't know, but I think, they took a couple of days before they had everything under control, you know where it wasn't dangerous to the people. But it there was more than one tank that went up. It was a lot of 'em see. Oh, they layed pipeline in a hurry. And you know something? That pipeline was wood. Did you ever see any wood pipe? Well, they layed some of that and piped it over to other tanks, you know and set up a big--even pumps, those men were workin' them. Have you ever seen a ^{strongarm} ~~strongarm~~ Johnny? Well, that's a pump you pump water or oil or anything with it. And you know, a big hose and you lay that in the water or whatever you've gonna pump out and the other one you shoot it on out and you jest worked that big lever. It stands up bout four or five feet tall and you jest work it back and forth. And it's hard work. I've pumped one of 'em to irrigate the garden with. And so anyway you could see those that worked the, men were working those pupmin' that oil out in these wagon tanks and now the picture we had of it was my father was in the slip and my brothers had shovels and they were--boy, they were diggin like mad. And they worked day and night and they jest stopped jest long enough to--and they rested while they's eatin' and they had to. Boy, that's one time that whole country like to went up in smoke.

(How old were you then?)

I don't know whether I was 15 or 14, but I believe I was 15. Could have been later, but I'm not sure.

FIRST OUT-BREAK OF WAR:

Now, I tell you another thing, I remember bout now you might could, if you see in s little lady up at Clinton, you might get a lot from that. They--it had something to do with the war and how President Taft, I mean Harding, course at that time was a young man, you know, and he wouldn't the president. He was there and President Taft, I think it which he wasn't president either see, he was there and one of the Roosevelts, I think it was Teddy. Now, I used to have a picture of that, but one of my older sisters took it and You know, their dead, so I don't know what become of 'em.