

(He was gone?)

Yeah. Said that he'd fight you before he'd come back in. Said he never saw one that'd come in or heard of one that'd do that. Said they'd come in sometimes--honest Indians would have something charged against 'em and they'd come. But whenever they were tough--tough Indian out-law and he was sentenced to hang, said he wouldn't come in and you couldn't get 'im unless you were shrewder than he was.

CHEROKEE BILL WAS NOT A CHEROKEE

(There was an outlaw Indian--I believe his name was Cherokee Bill. He lived about the time maybe your dad was High Sheriff. Did you ever hear of him?)

Oh, yeah. My Dad knew him. Knew his brother. He wasn't Cherokee. My Dad said he was half (not clear) and half Creek. You know what (not clear) is don't you?

(Yeah.) (Laughter)

(But you called him Cherokee Bill, didn't you?)

Yeah. And he was mean. He was ruthless.

NED CHRISTY, AN OUTLAW

(What started Ned Christy on his wild spree?)

By Golly, I forgot how. I've been told. I've been told it was unavoidable the way it came up but I forgotten the details, and I wouldn't attempt to say. I was told, oh, a year or two ago all about it aut I forgotten now what details were way it came up. Of course he was wild but he wasn't at fault to start with but then he went wild after that. And the Wickliff boys same way.

HOW THE WICKLIFF BOYS GOT STARTED AS OUTLAWS

(That's one bunch I never heard much about--the Wickliff boys. Where did they come from?)

Up around Spavinaw and around Spring Creek, there. I knew those boys personally and good. That's one bunch of outlaws that never stole a thing,