

down there by Prue, right along that river.

(I am interested in that tribal government. That would be interesting for people to know. I knew they had some kind of government, in order for them to get this mineral rights fixed up like that, but I didn't ever know _)

Well, they - see when they came here from Kansas and this was reservation - and the government turned this into a reservation, this land, and they had a deal - and that's where all these things are different from most tribes. They bought this land from the Osages, with Osages funds and they turned it back and put restrictions on it, the land and everything. The way they were running it, through their actual tribal government, was through the chiefs -- band chiefs. Then when they came here, those priests, they got in it too. This Father Shoemaker, he was in with these guys. This Governor Joe and all those fellers. And so, they tried to set up something else and they tried to set, give 'em so much land to use, they was wanting to teach them to farm, that's what they was trying to do. This Shoemaker, he wanted them to give 'em 640 acres, I think, which they eventually did in the allotment. But this was before they was going to have that. They'd use it and farm it - and that was what they was trying to do -- to teach them, 'cause the buffaloes were gone and they didn't have no other way to live, so they had to have to do somethin' else. That's the way they tried to plan for them. Then after they got here, why, then they, this Governor Joe, he died. And right a way, this Shoemaker died or he was transferred or something - so they went out of the picture. Then the government came along and wanted to set up this - see, all they had was the agent, they called him agent and he had a lot of power. He was the government to deal with these Indians. So they tried to set up this constitutional government and so they did. They set it up, just like these, more than these Navajos have today. I think it was more democratic - more democratic form of government than even today they have. But it was something