

told them, 'Well, I'm goin' back home." Said, "That's all right. You was raised by them people." Said, "We're used to not havin' you." Said, "It won't hurt us and it'll do them a lot of good." So he went back to his people and he told them, "Well, I didn't like it down there. I didn't like them Mexicans, come back here." Went back home. That's supposed to be a true story. Yeah, they got that little Mexican. Raised him. Well, he married and I don't remember whether they raised 'em any family or not - I never did hear. But he stayed right here and married. Yeah. And I don't remember what his name was. I've heard his name but I can't seem to remember it. That's what they used to do with a lot of people like that. That's where they got these different kind of people. See, like that, they steal 'em. They didn't kidnap, see, for any ransom. They want 'em for their own. And they'd just take 'em like that.

**Katherine:** (Did they take 'em for slaves?)

**Fred:** What?

**Katherine:** (For slaves?)

**Fred:** No. Huh-uh. They raised them like our own children.

**Katherine:** (Did they ever steal from the other tribes?)

**Fred:** I don't seem to remember whether they did or didn't. I imagine they did though, I wouldn't doubt that they did. And if they seen somethin' they wanted, well, they'd try and get it. Did you ever hear your folks say anything about the, about the Delaware and Osage, used to have smokes?

## **DELAWARE AND OSAGE SMOKES.**

**Katherine:** (Yes, I've heard about it.).

**Fred:** Well, they used to have those out west of Copan, over here. This little town of Copan, right west of there, about two miles, I guess. On top of the hill, they used to have smokes up there. And they'd go on for two weeks lot of times. Yeah.

**Katherine:** (Oh really?)

**Fred:** They would. They'd have the biggest time you ever heard of. And when the Osage come over here, well, the Delawares would give them - they were to have one day left to give their stuff to their friends. Well, lots of times they would give them horses, blankets, just whatever they wanted to give them. And they'd have a big time, dance every night, and they'd have a big go around. Then the next year, well then, the Delawares would go over there to Pawhuska, over around in there somewhere, I guess Pawhuska. They'd go over there and they'd have a smoke over there and they would do the same thing there. And then they give alot of horses away there, different kinds. And they'd have races. And they'd have everything like that.

**Katherine:** (What was this "smoke" exactly?)