

remember when we had, oh, I don't know how many turkeys, they would all go on the side of the hill to roost at night and then in the morning they would come back. And then, they coyotes started to getting the turkeys about that time, so we had to build--clip their wings and build a fence where they couldn't go way out and roost for the night. And, like I said these Indians had all their time taken up.

EARLY DAY OIL EXPLORATION AND PROCEEDS FROM HEADRIGHTS

During about this time too, the--around the twenties, you might say, the oil was getting more and more explorations in the county and more oil companies coming in and drilling on the reservations and they could come and bid for these tracts of land that these--called lease sales, which I don't remember how often they were held at that time. But they were paying very enormous prices for the lease which was--brought the Osage headright payments up in the thousands of dollars, and also they got the proceeds from the oil, sale of the oil. Which amounted to--where they might say, the Osages acquired their wealth. But that was the only time that the Osages were in the monetary sense--were wealthy. But of course they had been wealthy in many ways and things, but that was the first time they had been wealthy in that sense. And so, during that time, why a group of the full-blood Osages were more or less saw or see into the future of what might take place.

AN OLD GENTLEMAN WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN GETTING THE TRIBE TO SET UP AN OSAJE OIL COMPANY - THIS HAS BEEN REGRETTED

I remember this old gentleman, at that time I don't imagine he was older at the time, but a young, energetic man came and tried to interest the leaders of the tribe at that time, I don't remember, he must have been Mr. Lookout, Fred Lookout. There were several chiefs who were in office at the time. But they tried to interest these people into, investing, their money that they were getting at the time which was quite a substantial amount, invest their money in an oil company. Forming an oil company of our own, and buying our