

our own land. Then the company would--all the Osages would be part of the company, the 2,229 would be shares, more or less. They would benefit from that and they would drill on each land and they would serve the Osages more than they would if they had lease it out to the oil company that come in, such as Skelly, Phillips and all of those. It was a good idea and these young men at the time, they could not get their tribal leaders to agree to such a thing. I don't know what the problem was, I heard several viewpoints, they even try to get--they did gather in quite a number of people who were supporting them, but they couldn't get the, what they call the half-breeds, which were coming into the tribe at that time. And they, more or less, could get the Osages, the full-blood Osages, but they couldn't get the other, which was gaining rather rapidly at the time. But they lost this idea, I mean this idea failed by such a small margin, it was really--well, a fellow can look back now and see that if they had tried a little harder, they might have accomplished what they intended to do, which would have been a good thing in my eye. I--the--problems that would be set before them at the time were--had solutions for about everything on this oil, and they had the people to be left--people to run the corporation for them, and such as that. When you had selected your own man, and naturally there was a little jealousy, something always kinda rises when they are appointing or electing such officials as that you know. Maybe, three or four men wanted the position and only one can fill it with an assistant. And they had trouble with that and finally the idea is just--they couldn't get the tribal consent or the government approval. But if they had tried just a little bit more, I believe they could have pulled off this idea. But it seemed like the gentlemen working on it, I know there was Mr. Edgar McCarthy and more or less, the Hoxby group, was interested in it, of course they few, the other, all over the reservation. But he was more or less the originator of the idea in forming this oil company. And I--like I say, they had a lot of the--they had a lot of time in trying to work this out. It was one of the things that the Osages used their money for, they put