

Lord, I don't know. I suppose they did.

(Yeah.)

I suppose they did, I don't know. I never heard anyone say. They had to.

(I would think so.)

CRIMINAL ACTS OF BENDER FAMILY - INCIDENTS

(Words not clear) -- Benders?

(No, let's see the Benders. Were they a gang or a family?)

No, just a family. They's a man and his wife, a big old boy about half crazy, and big old fat girl they said. And they had a place there where they'd, well, fellars going through, "drummers", or something, you know. Well, they'd go ahead and feel 'em. They had a sheet, a wagon sheet hung up, you know, they had this bench back where they sat and eat on the table, you know. They'd get 'em in there and this big old boy some go around and hit head, they just knock 'em in the head. They had a trap door under the table, or so they said, and they'd just throw 'em under there for awhile, you know. Then they finally buried 'em out in the garden or someplace. They found where they buried 'em, you know. I thought maybe you'd read about 'em.

(No.)

They got up and left up there. They got after 'em, they seen they was going to get caught. So, I read the book, but it quit before it told what become of 'em. Well, fellars, oh fellars that told me they's going to Muskogee in a wagon, you know. And they got down, oh I don't know, somewhere down towards Muskogee, someplace, and the possee caught up eith 'em and killed 'em. Well, they started back with 'em. They caught 'em but they started back with them, I don't know what happened, but they killed 'em up there at Pheasant Hill. So that's the story.

(Well.)