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Interview with Watahse Painkiller,
Euchee man, 7 miles of Kellyville, Okla.
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The old Indian legend goes like this:

They have told him that when God made the world, this is how He made it. They said that there was no land one time, and God planned to make the world. First, God had power to do anything, so God came to the water, and called all of those animals together. God told the animals he went to use them, in order to make the world. He wanted them to go in to the water to find land for him. God called on the seal, the fish, turtle, frog and a crawfish. These are the ones that God picked out to help Him. First, He sent the seal and when the seal went so far in the water, the water felt so good to him, that he made up his mind to stay. God punished him and made a water animal out of him forever. God sent the fish next to try its luck and done same as the seal. The turtle tried his luck but also failed. The frog also failed, too. But the crawfish went down to the bottom of the water and found land there. The crawfish was the one that succeeded in finding land. The crawfish told God that when he got to the bottom, he

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he would make bubbles come to the top of the water so God would know that he had found land. The Crawfish made bubbles and God knew than that the crawfish found land. The crawfish used its pinchers and pinched the mud in between its pinchers and brought the mud to God to make the world. God Scraped the mud off of the crawfish's pinchers and made the mud in a round ball. God rolled the mud in His hands until it was big and so the world was made in this way.