

*Somebody told me -down in the Magdalena area, they had the bullfight, do you know anything about that? They had one in Socorro, but it wasn't really a bullfight. They had sticks like broom handles. Just a sham. ---The rodeo, it used be up there where Sedillo Park is now. Were you ever a rodeo performer? No, no. You were just a straight rancher? And racehorses. My father had them up until two years before his death. He sold his ranch and race horses. Well, I think the exception is to turn it loose like you did. Well, there ain't no use having race horses if you can't watch 'em run. If you don't watch that ranch it's not going to make any money. I go out to the ranch - I don't have anything to do out there except to see if they did everything I told them. Well, that's the important thing - to see that it is done. I can see the tire tracks, I can tell you whether they were driving today or yesterday. Well, if you've only had three hired hands, they must have known you and you must have known them. I never asked a man to do anything wrong. What about this Navajo family, do they speak English? Yes ma'am. The old ones can't read and write. You just got to treat them like they're your kids. Now if they get drunk and get in jail or something, I don't get 'em out. I let 'em set in jail thirty days. They're good people in my books. I wouldn't trade 'em for anybody. Well, the very fact that they've been with you for twenty nine years And they won't tell nobody nuthin' - if anybody asks 'em what I got in the pasture out there, they say you go ask Paul. Those Rangers - they like to ask this and that. They don't get very much out of those Indians. They never say a word unless you ask 'em something. There not like us. When you ask a question we answer real quick. The Indian is like a union man - he'll count to fifty before answering you. Contrary to many opinions I think it's the sense of humor of the Indians that's uppermost. Much more than you think they are, and they can do more with less than anybody. Like building fences - you just show them the corner and they'll get it straight. They don't need no transit or nuthin'. The food stamps and everything has ruined most of them. Well, I sure could talk about food stamps. Well, let's go back to the Fair Board. I'm interested in the Fair Board I'm interested in what you said about it being self supporting. The State has never put a quarter in that. We've got everything off of what we made. The race horses last year made \$282,000 - that was clear. If you put it in the State and let the politicians get their hands on it and use for a building or something they're going to tell you who can have the contract and that's no good - you put it out for bids. I'm not satisfied with the Spanish Village last year the way they let that operate. We turned it over to them and let them run it themselves - there's going to have to be some changes made there. Do you speak Spanish? Huh-uh. When you were in school did they make you take Spanish? I don't remember. When I was a kid I could talk as good as they could but I forgot most all of it. Well, there was someone yesterday aaid they taught half a day in Spanish and that was good and everybody could speak Spanish and everybody could speak English. I don't remember that. You shouldn't think these kids didn't have an education because they went to school - all of them. I can't keep my Indians in school. I've had 'em go off - before they had the dormitory I'd haul them to Albuquerque - Christmas and Thanksgiving and everything. I've had 20,000 miles on my (---) - I guess I had eight or nine kids. Now they'd get mad and walk all the way from Albuquerque to Alamo. They've got this dormitory now - we got one girl now - she's about a year with her mother up there. Her sister came and got her and took her to Arkansas now . Thye don;t do much business in the dormitory there. Well, it looked like a good idea on paper, but it never has worked. Now when Booker T. Washington started his school which is now at Tuskegee, said, "Education is what teaches you to live better when you have to live anyway." So he made 'em better farmer, better hired hands, and I know when I was a child growin' up in Alabama we'd always pay twice as much for a Tuskegee laundry as others and yet they grew out of that, but it was raising the standard of living little by little. Like I told you, my Indians can't read or write now. I think vocational school's the place to put these Indians. Indeed, it is. Some of 'em makes six or seven dollars an hour. There are a lot of Ph. D.s out there that can't get a job. I'm kind of an old foggy, but I say what I think. My father had four years of education in his life - that was four months in the year - then went to school in the coal mines and that was about four months in the year, and each one handed his books down to his younger sister - all the same books, but in writing letters you couldn't beat him. He'd write it down just like it sounds. He was a pretty fine old fellow. But his hair was short. You betcha. My grandson come to see him - I guarantee he was in a barbershop before he was in diapers. How old is he? Thirteen. I went to a big wedding last Saturday and my daughter got the bouquet. She'll probably never know more that she does right now at thirteen. She's not old enough to know what she doesn't know. There wasn't nothin' to get in trouble with when I was thirteen. Nobody had a car then. Once I got on the train with my dad - this old Walter Darr I was tellin' you about - his father-in law ran the Ford Garage in San Marcial. It took all day to go from Magdalene to San Marcial. That Magdala's quite a town. Magdalena used to be a good town. If you want to talk to anyone up there you better take 'em with you. You won't find anybody there to talk to you. That's the truth. Have you ever been up there? Oh, yes.*

How long hve you been in Socorro? *Since the fall of '68. I've learned more from these interviews about Socorro than anything else.*