

OKLAHOMA GENERAL

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Mrs. Fulallo Garcia, Jr.
222 West 11th Street
Sulphur, Oklahoma 73086

Dear Mrs. Garcia:

Thank you for your recent letters. I can certainly understand your concern over the Indians not having a place to gather for meetings and social functions. However, as an elected federal official I have no jurisdiction in tribal matters. I do suggest, therefore, since you and many of your friends feel very strongly about this matter that you bring it up at your next meeting and approach your tribal leaders. I sincerely hope a suitable solution can be reached. As you know, I have always been a strong supporter of the Indians and will continue to lend my support whenever possible.

In regard to the problem with the house you tried to buy, this is a legal matter and I do not have jurisdiction in this type of problem either. I sympathize with your problem and I suggest you hire a lawyer you trust and ask him to represent you in this matter.

I am sorry I could not be of more service in these situations but I do appreciate your writing to me. I am always more than eager to be of assistance whenever I can, such as in the employment of your husband.

My kindest regards and best wishes for the holiday season.

Sincerely,

The Speaker

CA/dh

Mr. Carl Albert

Chickasaw Governor Overton James purchased a motel restaurant here in Sulphur with Indian money. This took place more than a year ago. Since then the local Indian people have had to pay each month in order to have a meeting. For the last several months we have had no meetings because we cannot afford them. Two weeks ago we got together for our annual Thanksgiving dinner. This took place in an old school house no toilets no water available also improper heating. I might add everyone was very uncomfortable as most of us had to stand while eating - no tables.

The Indian people feel they should be able to meet in the motel, it has been discussed many times but no one wants to get involved enough to ask. When the motel was first purchased the Indian people looked forward to jobs there and a Arts & Craft shop where some might put their bead work on consignment to earn extra money. So far the only thing Indian about the motel is the decor. Plus pictures of James in the lobby,

Another Subject

Also the City of Sulphur auction
off four houses left to them by the
late Mary Parker. Frank Dillard (lawyer)
was the executor for the estate.

We bid on one of the houses and as
highest bidder that day of auction
we put down ten percent of the price
and sign a paper. We then clean and
haul trash from this place. The city
in this town decided to take it then,
first the head of the City Water Dept
put in a higher bid and told me if
he didn't get the place the Mayor
wanted it for his brother in law. I
did not argue with them but sued for
a cleaning fee, the court closing date
of the estate.

The judge ^{Dixie Colbert} called this ^{sole} misleading
and order the house sold over again in
court, at a later date -

A small claims judge came in
today from Ardmore. He and the lawyer
are old chums which they admitted.
The lawyer came off smelling like
a rose, so when they say you can ~~buy~~ buy
a judge here for twenty dollars,

maybe its possible. Of course I did not
call the judge & lawyer crooks but
call ^{ed} them the closest to it. I can not
afford a lawyer and would not hire
one from Sulphur even if I could. But
today I could have used an educated
person to rattle their cages. This whole
small time political mess is all legit
according to them. Thank you for listening
and any advice you can offer will be
appreciated. I will look forward to an ans.

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