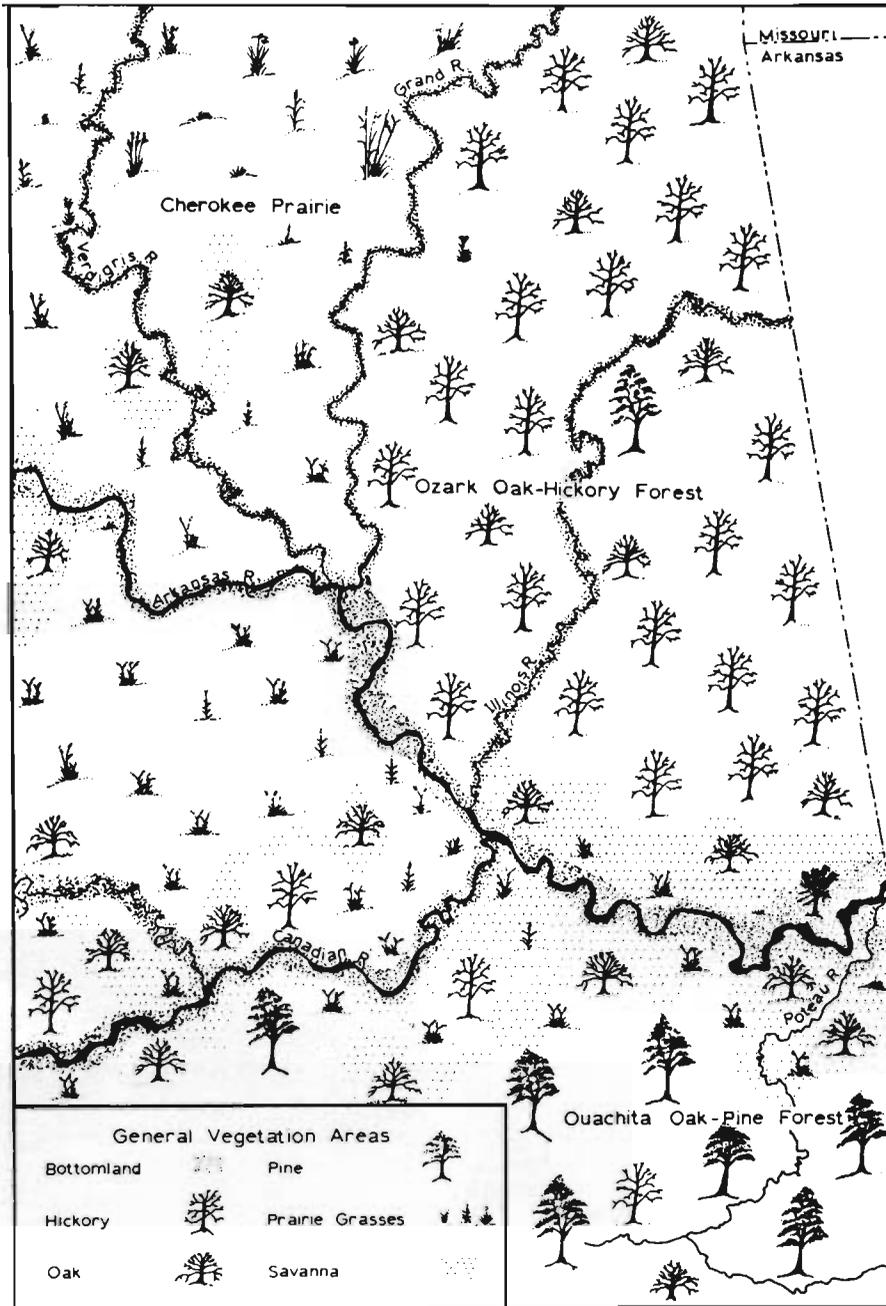


*In the ever-changing lands of the Tulsa District, the woodlands meet the prairie.*



Within what ecologists call

**THE ECOTONE**, the prairie meets the woodland in the Tulsa District.

The Arkansas River, born in a Continental Divide snowdrift atop the Rocky Mountains near Leadville, Colorado, slices its icy glacial waters through the Royal Gorge, drifts through the arid plains of southern Kansas and northern Oklahoma, then flows as a river of respectable scope through the rugged Ozarks of eastern Oklahoma and Arkansas, and drains, ultimately, into the Mississippi.

Meanwhile, to the south, the Red River rises on the high plains of New Mexico and flows through the wastelands of the Texas Panhandle, cuts east to form the boundary between Texas and Oklahoma, then heads southeast through Arkansas and Louisiana to its confluence with the lower Mississippi.

The dwellers of these lands range from the poorest backwoodsman to the most sophisticated, wealthy urbanite.

The Tulsa District has wrought stunning changes in the landscape — undulating from mountainous to rolling to flat and back to mountainous again.