

in the first of March or else we didn't do any good. Oats the same way, but anymore, they come along and plant way long in way long in the summertime. But it-it's just the change in our seasons and it's all around it ain't all here, it's other places too, I guess. But I've noted that--noticed that in my lifetime all the way through. And then another thing, we're raising far different crops than what we used to, here's the soy beans. We used to never know what they were. Didn't hear of them. Of course we've always raised flax and and wheat and corn and oats, like that, and barley. But we never hear of soy beans, soy beans is quite a crop anymore. But I don't know what the deal's gonna be, but I guess it'll be better. I hope it is, anyhow. We're looking forward to it. I don't know what more I could tell you.

CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

(Do you know anything about the old customs?)

Yes, I-I can tell you something about that, too. Uh, the old traditions as far as I remember back, I was just a small boy. Why they'd have these, the Peoria tribe, oh, I suppose the other tribes did too, but as far as the Peorias concerned, I know they did. They had--they had their councilmen and then they had their chief of course and their councilmen and all that, well then they'd they'd hold council. They'd go round and tell then come over and certain day we're gonna have council meeting. Well, they'd meet down here at the old Peoria schoolhouse sometimes and in fact when that schoolhouse was built, in the east end of it was the room cut off there for the council meeting. But they hardly ever used it. Now they'd go down there on the the river somewhere. They'd have a place to meet down there and in the summer time they'd have a kind of brush arbor, you know and they'd go down there.