

he said, what you want for cotton. See, I was down hope, but he said, you can't get it, and I said, "I'm going to get it." And I got a dime a pound for cotton. And that was gettin up there, you know. That would be about \$50 for a bail of cotton. We'd been a gettin' oh, sometimes 25, not over 30 along in there, and you couldn't buy much stuff with it. Buy seed and take \$5 and buy more groceries then you can now with \$15. I could tell you two or three fellers that could tell you what I can.

(Well, did many people leave then?)

No sire, they just stayed right on. Once in a while now, when people first come here, when the country first opened, I know I had a brother, he's gone now, he died about nine years ago. And we got a place joinin' this place over there, and this feller he's gone. The boys lives over there, near Cottonwood School and we laugh about that once in a while. My brother is just a little older then me, I was a little younger. I guess he was 17 or 18. Were at the town of Lexington. He said, "You see that place boys?" We said, yeah. He said, "I could of got that one time for a pair of boots." And my brother said why didn't you trade. He said, "I didn't have the boots." He didn't have the boots. And I remember going to Mountain View and then one time I was getting a little bit around 10, 9 going to Mountain View, Stentson and Lumberson boots and me and an old boy was kinda stayin' close to my folks in there, farm a little and we rented a place out here. You get them boots it cost you \$40 or \$50 now, you go down there and get them for \$6 a piece. And we thought that was an awful price. We was wantin' them boots. We just about 18 years old. And I'll tell you another durn smoked Indian here. He said, I just forget him. He's just (unin.) he went to, I guess use to Joe Crosby lived about four miles out here, well, really its five. He has a brother-in-law named Fred I was in Wichita, Kansas and Jeff told me one day, he said, "Dee hat's the matter," I said, "I can't, don't know, are those Indians any good." I just for curiosity, he said, "I can't, well I got a little cattle and