

and fished. And we took it back. Some of the relatives went along. Children's mothers and parents. It was a long train and it took anybody--all the Indians that want to go. That's my first train ride. I thought it was great. It was something new for us. But I had already seen a train. The train used to come from eastern Oklahoma, through El Reno and to Chickasha. They had one trading post there at Chickasha. One store. No other buildings. Nothing. And just a railroad depot. And that's the end of the railroad and that's where the train comes and turns around and goes back. They had a roundhouse that the train go on and turn it around and go back.

GRASS MONEY PAYMENT IN SILVER

(What was the name of that store?)

Well, I don't know that trading store. But I can tell you something that happened in that store while the folks was trading. See the government paid the Indians every six months. "Grass money" we called it. Cattlemen had leased the entire Indian reservation for a hundred thousand dollars a year. And the government paid in two payments. Semi-annual payments. Fifty dollars to everyone--babies, children, and all. Even if he is one day old. He got fifty dollars. And they don't pay it off in cash. They pay it off in silver coins. And I love to make them sound pretty, you know. And play with them dollars. The government tell the Indians to come in and camp, that it was time for payment and the Indians all camped west of Anadarko around the river in them villages, waiting for the day of payment and a day or so before the payment comes, it comes from Ft. Sill. The money comes to Ft. Sill and the Army escorted it to Anadarko to make the payment.