

T-348

ALFRED CHALEPAH, KIOWA-APACHE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: PROBLEMS OF FARMING; LOAN FUNDS, ETC.

PARTICULAR SUBJECTS DISCUSSED:

MONEY AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO START FARMING
TRIBAL LOANS
DIFFICULTY GETTING WHEAT COMBINED
MORE ON FARMING LOANS
REPAYMENT OF LOANS: INCOME FROM LAND LEASES APPLIED TO
LOANS
CONTROLS ON CROP ACREAGES AND INSUFFICIENT ACREAGE FOR
ECONOMIC RETURN
ALFRED'S FARM WORK FOR A WHITE NEIGHBOR
UNFAIRNESS TO INDIANS IN ALLOTTING WHEAT ACREAGES
DETERIORATION OF WHEAT WHEN NOT COMBINED AT RIGHT TIME
ALFRED'S REFUSAL TO PLANT VETCH: EXAMPLE OF CONFLICT
BETWEEN FARM BUREAU POLICY AND LEASE MAN'S WISHES
MORE ON ACREAGES AND COMBINING
WASHITA VALLEY LOAN ASSOCIATION
WHY ALFRED QUIT FARMING
DECISION-MAKING WITHIN A SIBLING GROUP

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Alfred Chalepah was born in 1910 and has lived all his life in the vicinity of Anadarko, Fort Cobb and Apache. He has been active in tribal affairs for many years and is a leader and spokesman of his people. Several times he has served on the C-A-C Business Committee, and has been a director for the Kiowa-Apache on the Anadarko Indian Exposition committee. He is a participant in Native American Church activities and has the right to conduct meetings. He is a leader in the Chalepah group's Kiowa-Apache Blackfoot Dance organization, having inherited the office of "Whip Man" from his uncle, Apache John. Although Alfred has had little formal education, having completed through the sixth grade at Riverside Indian School, he is extremely knowledgeable in almost every area of tribal life, and he is very anxious that his tribal traditions be preserved and the condition of American Indians be made known.

NOTE: This is a continuation of the interview begun on T-347. An O. U. student, Bonnie, is present and asks a few questions during the interview.

MONEY AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO START FARMING

(--if you were going to apply for a loan, you would just figure up all your expenses, like for implements, operation expenses, seed, and household expenses, and then you would apply for that much?)