

And that belongs to Houston's grandma, I believe--that 140 acres. He was farming that over there on Stewart's place--eighty acres--he was farming that, too. And he had approached (?) that. And his mother was co-signer. It took him quite a while to get out of debt. That was a tribal loan--Kiowa-Comanche-Apache (confederated tribes).

(Were there government loans, too?)

Well, first one I know of--like when I started off--they came in with this Howard-Wheeler Bill and Thomas-Rogers. Of course that's throughout the United States (that is, passed by U.S. Congress for all tribes). Mescalero, I believe they have Howard-Wheeler--I don't know which one it was. That was made by these guys, Howard and Wheeler. I think they were the sponsors or co-sponsors to the bill. They're the ones that wrote it out for the Indians. So we turn them down. And in several years--not too long after that--about ten or fifteen years after that--we start our own. (This pertains to legislation passed in the thirties enabling Indian tribes to incorporate and set up tribal loan programs. Apparently the K-C-A's didn't begin a loan fund program till after World War II.) Well, the Washita Valley Association was the first one started--right after the WPA. That was a government project, you know--just about the time the WPA was about on its way out, the Washita Valley Association was organized. Farms only. Adolphus Goombi was on that. And--

(What were you going to say about Houston--you were saying he had his mother's land and--?)

He's doing pretty good. But the trouble was with these operation funds. He farmed longer than any of them. Yeah, he stayed right in there. What I mean, he stayed right in there. I believe if he had a little backing--in money--I believe he could have hung on and he could have done better. Of course, it takes quite a bit of money. I found that out. If I had about 80 acres of wheat allotment and about 50 acres of cotton I'd have made it--even though there's about 6 or 7 men behind them with combines. See, at that time there was just a few combines.