

the Osages?)

Well, I think, most generally you know at first, why you kinda shy, because you're not too well acquainted, you know. And later on you--well, then white people hang on to them Indians, you know, a good many years. All this thing that happened, well, at first, you know, when they first got here, the big leaders, "Wah-ti-an-kah," they called him, Black Dog and Claremore, and (Osage name), all them great leaders, you know, they're good people. Lot of people have respect for them.

(Respect them?)

They're the ones that wanted to come here. And when they got here, everything got to changing as they went along, see. The more white people got in, well, they come and got these Indians to thinking different, you know. First they built a log house and, after while they give 'em a plow, you know, to plow. And then one thing after another, you know. Learned 'em little things.

OSAGES WERE GOOD HUNTERS - NOT GOOD FARMERS

(The Osages, remember when you were young, did they do much farming?)

Well, there wasn't too much farm then. They had little small acres, two or three.

(Garden spot?)

Garden spot. They didn't have nothing to farm with, you know, till the government showed 'em how. They're great hunters though. They go out and kill deer and turkeys. They didn't care about plowing. They go out and get things. There would be lot of deer, turkeys, you know. They lived on it.

(No need to farm, was there?)