

raised our children. She had three children, three boys and one girl. And boy, life was happening then. It just seem like be nothing wrong, you know. Well, it didn't turn out that way, further up the line, you know.

(Yeah)

But when you young, you know, you don't know too much and you very active. You got good clear mind. You willing to do things. And then you don't think about you getting sick or children getting sick. It seem like everything was good. And, by golly, the first thing you know your troubles, come later on.

(On that little card you were talking about while ago that everybody had, you know. That you go get rations on?)

Yeah.

(Was that sort of--was that issued by the agency?)

Yeah. They call it purchase orders, I believe.

(Purchase order card?)

Yeah, you know, each one had their name on it. How many in family. And the storekeepers, they read it and they know it. They know how much he's got coming. They let 'em trade.

(You wouldn't get money on it. You'd get goods.)

Yeah. That's all, goods. If you had money, they don't know what money was--them Osages. They couldn't count no money. They couldn't tell one dollar bill from a five dollar bill.

(That was one reason they had to have these cards, wasn't it?)

Yeah, that's right, yeah. They had to go by that for a good many years. 'Cause, I know, mother used to carry it and have me to go with her to the store, you know. To interpret, you know. I could talk little bit.