

SUBJECT: PROBLEMS OF FARMING AND CREDIT ASSOCIATIONS

Interview with Edward F. Ellison, Loan Specialist, Concho Agency

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I came here to Concho in 1955 as a Credit Officer. The Tribal Loans were foreclosed in 1954 and it was my duty to collect the loans still delinquent. The last of the loans was repaid in 1968. I graduated from Oklahoma A & M in 1934. I'm an Agricultural Extension Man. I am one-fourth Choctaw. I was born and raised in southeastern Oklahoma around Idabel. When I graduated from college I went to work at the Pawnee Agency and was there for about eleven years. Then I worked at the Branch Agency at Binger, with the Caddoes and Delawares, and later at the Anadarko Agency with the same Indians. Then I came here.

CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBAL LOAN FUND

This Tribal Loan Fund started in 1948. The Cheyenne-Arapaho tribe got \$100,650.00. This was borrowed from the U.S. government for the purpose of reloaning it to its members. This was in 1948. But the money was never to be repaid to the Treasury--it was to go back to the Washington Office of the B.I.A.