

I can't do it. And what little money I get I try to stretch it. And I often wonder how these big families get by. Just me--I can't even get by. But somebody takes my food, that's how come. Now a pound of coffee should last me quite a while, but it don't. Five pounds of sugar don't. When I got anywhere I come back and my coffee always be low. Maybe somebody always come and get it. And people always tell me it's these (some neighbors). Even my flour. Now, even today I'm out of lard, and I had some. You know that commodity lard is a small can. And we went to church Sunday morning and I guess she come and dip out about half of it. And I just opened it that morning. So that's the way it is. I was talking to my little granddaughter--not to feel bad when we ain't got anything to eat. Just go on the way we pray, I told her. Some day--somehow--we'll get something. We have to ask for it. We have to ask the Man up in Heaven to help us. Provide for us. And He does, I said. There's lot of times I've prayed that we get something. She was wondering what she was going to eat. And I told her that last night, I said, "Well, we'll get something to eat," I told her, "But we ain't got no eggs." She said, "Well, I'm not going to eat in the morning." So she left without breakfast. It's that way. I don't believe in two or three families living together because look at them people--there's about four families in that house.

(Interruption)

(Could you tell me--you were telling me that you didn't think it was a good thing for two or three families to live together because you thought there would be a lot of these troubles--but what about other people among the Arapahoes? Do they feel that way, too? Or do some people--?)

Oh yeah, some feels that way. And some, they come right out and say that two families can't get along on, you know, living all together. They can't never get along. There's always trouble. They always say. I've heard a lot of people say that.

(Did any of the old people--like in your grandparents' generation--did they ever talk like that?)

Never did hear them. No.