

grapes and plums. Peaches and apples and watermelons--I don't believe we know too much about them. Other tribes--eastern tribes--they--some of their menus.

LIFE IN EARLY DAYS AND FIRST CARS

(When you went over there did you take food with you or did they furnish it all?)

Yeah, they take food from here. Course, sometimes they butcher and give visitors meat. Sometimes, for instance now, Captain's wife had a cousin over there. She was married to Arapaho. His name was Swapping Back. And he doesn't speak a word of English. And Captain is the same way. Of course, Captain he just in rough way--his English is kind of little broken--but you can understand it. Sometimes they sit after supper and they get together and start sign language. They tell stories. Just like me and you--but that's through sign language. Just like he might say, "Well, I been down this way today and I done this and that." All through that sign language. I be sitting there, sitting around. No radio no T.V. no nothing, and I'm not sleepy. I just sit there and grandma and Gertie and all them, they go to bed. Sometimes they're in the other room. And they have a lantern. So them days, the old people have good eyes, you know, and good teeth. Their physical--their condition was good. They can ride horseback all day. And there wasn't very many cars. But if you had a car them days, you--we went off! If you see a car coming down the road, sometimes you horse gets scared. They get kind of--start cutting up. They don't like those cars coming towards them. Like a few times those cars cause a runaway till you get them in hand. I've seen a few of those in my time. Run off with a buckboard and run off with wagons. When that's over, it's the same way coming home. They break camp pretty early, provided the camper's tent is dry. If the tent is dry, they say, "Well, let's get down that way before it gets too hot." They talk about the weather just like we do today. This weather was important for traveling. It had a lot to do with it. Them days we have good rains--gentle rain. Them clouds be way up high, you know. Just steady rain. Once in a great