

(How come the Arapahoes out here, they were more friendly with the Comanches than, let's say, with the Kiowas?)

Well, just like I told you the Comanches were our enemies. The Shoshones were our enemies. However today at Fort Washakie the Shoshones and Arapahoes live on the same reservation. But some of these Comanches--the Bannocks are Comanches, too, from Idaho--and the Paiutes, from Nevada, they're a stock of the Shoshone, but they go by different name. But this stock of the Comanches always liked the Arapahoes because they was well-built, nice-looking men and good warriors.

HOW ARAPAHOES CAPTURED EAGLES FOR THEIR FEATHERS AND KILLED ELK FOR THEIR TUSKS

And the Arapahoes, as I started to say, they were not only prairie people, but the Arapahoes went out in the mountains. Snared eagles for the eagle feathers and tails. They went out and maybe they shoot a jack rabbit--blunt arrow. No spear to it--blunt. And they'd take them jack rabbits. Maybe they'd get a little old fawn away from its mother. Shoot it with a blunt arrow in the head. Well, they would take this little fawn up in the mountains to this big crevice--rocks, you know. Then they'd take bow strings, you know, and hobble those jack rabbits or antelope fawns. Then take a sheet rock. Find one--sometimes they have to carry it half a mile. They'd put over those cliffs--about that far wide. Put that rock. And they had little food--pemmican--food. Maybe there'd be water close. Sometimes it would be two or three days. They'd water that little old fawn, something like that, you know. Get grass and feed it. In the daytime they'd put (it) on top of that rock and with bow string hobble on his leg. Put a rock on the other end. When the eagle come down--Indian be in there--down there--and pull this little fawn back by the leg. When the eagle come down there. About the time it's going to lift (off) they grab the eagle by the legs. Then they'd take another bow string and hobble him. Then they pull his feathers out. All the plumes from the eagle's-- Nice, soft plumes with black tips, you know. They pull them eagle feathers out. Sometimes they kill it. But ordinarily they just pull the feathers out and turn the eagle loose. And they take this little fawn