

school then - from post office and store - we'd have two or three pennies - maybe a nickel or quarter, or something like that. They'll always see these postcards layin' around with a stamp on it. And we'd see at the school - our teachers with letters, you know, they'd have a stamp on it. I know one day me and another kid says, "Hey! Somebody forgot to open this letter." We tore it open and broke the edge - the end of it off. And we tried to open it, but here it was just one postcard. And the postage stamp on a postcard at that time was a penny, you know. I thought all letters that had stamps had mail - had somethin' in it - but we didn't know that these postcards was just a card itself - a letter.

(When did you stop getting that grass money?)

I don't know, I was too young, I guess. It was 1886 or something like that. All the land was held in common then, before allotment. Before that I guess. (Mumbled phrase) Until after allotment, and the cattlemen moved out. And of course all those payments stopped.

FARMING BY ARAPAHOS

(Well, back there while the land was being held in common were there any of the Arapahoes doing any farming or gardening?)

Oh, yeah, yeah. I know one man had a peach orchard. You can see that place when you go to Concho. Still that place where that orchard used to be. Peaches. Peaches and mostly peaches and pears, I think it was.

(Who was that?)

Let me see - What was his name? (Thinks) Well we know him as "Deaf". Wax^o tawát "Short-haired Bear" was his Indian name. But he was commonly known as "Deaf."

(Was he Arapaho?)

He's Arapaho.

~~(Did he... did he sell his fruit?)~~

No, he just kept it for his own folks. Friends would come there, and they live