

because it was a good business. And after they built the lake the city owned the hay, what they had there around the lake.

(Where, at Lawton?)

Yeah, Lake Lawtonka.

STORES SELL ON CREDIT TO INDIANS

So I bought hay machinery from Benbow & Horton Hardware Company at Lawton. They're the one that started the business, building that big Koehler Building, they called it; right there on the corner. And now it's occupied by the Dixie Department Store. And it's two stories. The upper rooms are business offices of all kinds. That was all one whole building that was all hardware and the upstairs was all implements, wagons, machinery, at all times.

(What was the name of it?)

Benbow & Horton. There were partners. George Horton, he was the manager. Later on, George got me to help him out, to sell some of the machinery, buggies, wagons, guns and everything to the Indians. And he sell them on credit because the Indians draw money every six months. They have annuity payments of \$50 per capita payments and he sells them on credit and they run the bills there and every six months, when the government paid off, he'd go out there and I'd assist him to collect.

(How did he do that?)

Well, you know, where the Sears and Roebuck, they just form the credit system and then anybody go there and sign a contract for credit, then he's entitled to so much credit. Every time somebody wants something, he told them to go and see me. And they come and see me, and I take him to George and I recommend him to