

in the early days? Did they use to do a lot of farming out here, the Indian people?)

Yes, the Indians did quite a bit of farming around here, and then after they did farm and try to progress why seem like the government took hold, and you know, took some of their land and give them their patent and seem like it sort of upset them then you know. 'Course back yonder they all did farm, they all as they was moving down to--well they always have their garden there you know, got their wild game, and dried meat and things like that. They got along a lot better and they were a lot healthier and in those days then they are now. We eating canned stuff and frozen stuff and now then the government, as far as--well, I'm thinking, is this way, is progressing or either it's just ruining everyone, not only the Indians but--it's leading us to where we're sick, and they took our land away from us and we done it ourselves and in one sense of the word we get to thinking about it, and now then they've taking our appetite away from us trying to give us an education. Oh, it's going on down the line that way, leading us to where we don't know whether we're progressing or whether we're leaving the good thing--I know we're leaving the good thing we had back yonder.

(What was some of those good things you can think about that was lost?)

Well, the good things are the things that we like to eat, have to eat that made us live longer, and we didn't have no sickness and now we've got doctors after doctors, we've got--like me now, I've got diabetes and everybody's got diabetes and they give us sweetness now, and I've got so much sweetness now, I'm so sweet everybody likes me now, I guess. (Laughter) I was going to say this, we're just leading ourselves to that. I think the elder people back yonder lived to be an old, old people and some of them died of old age, and they lived properly like they should. But now we leading ourselves to it, and now we're just leading ourselves to where the Indians are forgetting