

month it's going to be in Albuquerque, and go way up to Montana or Wyoming. That's the way the Cheyennes and Arapahoes are doing today. These cars that they have. That's what he meant.

CHIEFS IN FORMER DAYS HAD AUTHORITY

(Are there any chiefs today?)

Well, like I said, we got chiefs, that are just chiefs by name. And the chiefs at that time were selected for their level-thinking mind, and they were leaders. If a man wanted to fight, the chief said, "No, not this time," and they listened to the chiefs. "All right--let's do this." These different clans get together and want to do something, it had to go through the chiefs. If a chief says, "All right, go ahead and do it," see they kept trouble down, and they give rules on all, what they should do.

SOME CHIEFS COERCED INTO SELLING RESERVATION

But they made a mistake themselves, these chiefs. But they weren't the chiefs that the people had been following. These government men came. Some kind of representatives came to Fort Reno. My father was sixteen years of age--between sixteen and seventeen. He said they were nothing but white-headed men. They were sitting at Fort Reno under those big cottonwood trees that are still standing today. At that time, he said, they were just small trees. They tied horses to these small trees. Now they're great big cottonwoods, real tall ones. He said, "Them men from Washington were sitting there. They came to buy this land that we're just getting this money from. They wanted to give them a dollar and thirty-five cents an acre at that time. Well, they didn't come to no kind of satisfactory answer from these Cheyennes. They were afraid to say--they called on different ones but still they just didn't know how to answer them because they