

that the countryside has been unchanged as long as he can remember. He tells that most of the Indians were content with growing just enough grains and garden stuffs to take care of their needs. Most had small fruit orchards. Tilling the soil was done usually with a double-shovel and one horse.

Andrew's father was Joe Crittenden, who passed away at the age of 86 this last June. Andrew recalls some of the old ways of life related to him by his father. He tells how the Indians would hollow out a part of a stump or sometimes a short section of log using an axe and smoothing the inside with hot coals. It was then scraped smoothly round and clean. Corn, or wheat was then placed in this hole and pounded with a hardwood maul to make corn meal, or wheat flour. It also served to make Kunutchi (ka-nu-tsi), soften dried meat, etc.

His father told him of one way he hunted deer. When hunting on horseback and deer were located, he would get off and walk on the off side of the horse by the horse's shoulder. He was nearly always successful in getting close enough to kill a deer. Deer meat was sun dried or barbecued to preserve. Hides were tanned and used for many purposes. Deer sinew was much sought after for bow strings and for tying arrows. Noofs were kept and made into hat and coat hangers, and they made excellent gun racks. His father kept and used a muzzle loading shotgun and a rifle nearly all of his life.

Use of and belief in Indian medicines was a part of his father's life, and he knew much of the woods and streams. He also knew of and witnessed conjure rites, and while he respected this Indian belief he did not practice it. Andrew says he did not take the opportunity to learn much of the nature lore in which his father was so well versed.