

FARMING AND RAISING STOCK WAS INDUSTRY BEFORE OIL

(What was your principal industry for old Alluwe community before the oil?)

Cattle and farming.

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And at that time we had free range. Most anybody could have cattle and horses.

Third voice: Well, few horses, too. Mostly mules and horses.

Yes, but on the whole, it was cattle. But I know father had a lot of horses too.

Third voice: (words not clear)

Unidentified: Nearly everybody had horses and mules.

And there was plenty of 'em. They didn't eat very much, they didn't cost much money either.

Third voice: (static on tape--sentence not clear)

It wasn't much worse on the prairie land, ah the bottom land when he lived there.

Their land was drowned out more down through there.

(Mmhhh.)

(At one time, the Verdigris River must have been a fair stream.)

As long as I know anything about the Verdigris River, it's been a little stream.

But in the--in the (static) in this area now when it's down it's--it's what you'd call a fair--

(Mmhhh.)

We had one--we had one ah ah thing that we got into the Believe it or Not one time and that was Fools Creek. And ah you've heard of Fools Creek, haven't you?

(Mmhhh.)

Well, it's --it's down there and it just flows--I can't tell you how it is, but it comes around this way and there's a fork in it just Lightning Creek coming down this way and Fools Creek--

Third voice: Fools Creek just flows right into the river.