

were beginning, the Indians were'nt too--you might say progressive in the manner the white man was, they didn't take to this farming as you might say in the year just after the allotment act. They more or less depended on their game and of course, naturally I believe all the Indians tried to raise a little corn at that time, wherever they were situated and that was one of the staples of the Indian's life, was corn. Maize as you might say. They would dry this corn and store it and have it all through the winter, which would supply each family so that they might be able to endure the hard winters. And they just didn't have much shelter and they hadn't acquired the white man's way and we hadn't acquired the wealth, the money the Osages were known for. And so, they were't farmers in any way and the--government officials did try to get the Indians on their certain allotments, their homestead allotments and try to construct their houses and move them from the camps to their different allotments--homestead allotments and construct their homes in the manner that they wanted to. The Indians at that time didn't care for too big houses. They more or less liked to go around and visit their relatives and such as that, and they go by horse and buggy and or horse and wagon or whatever they had or-- So, when they were allotted the land, the government wanted them to settle down and get on these reservations and send their children to schools. They believed as everyone believes now, that education was a problem that had to be solved at the time. So, in their ways that the government officials wanted to have programs for these Indian people at that time. Of course, they were taking it to my father and my father-in-law back in those days. Of course, they were (not clear) at the time too and they were interested in dance they were just generally heads of their families. And, more or less looked after the younger ones and--the younger people of their families, I mean to say of course, their older folks looked upon them to take care of them, to look after their business and such as that you know.