

(So, then you'd know to put out the fire and just to start letting it get cool, and just let it set overnight?)

Then start cut it.

(Then you'd dump it out of the kettle.)

And dry 'em up.

(Cut it in blocks?)

Yeah, make it in blocks.

(What color would it be?)

Well, different colors. You can make white and kind of brown. They make two different colors. Some of 'em they're watery--look like a jelly. They make it, I don't know how they make it. They make 'em with (Cherokee word). (laughter)

(That's no fair. You all speaking Cherokee.)

Don't have no lye, that's what we use.

(If you didn't have any lye, you would use those ashes? Now ashes would make it a different color. Would it be kind of a gray color?)

No, kind of brown.

(Uh-huh)

Like a syrup.

(What would make it white?)

I guess that lye.

(Would you use more lye if you wanted real white soap?)

You know they used to make a coal water for soap some way. No fire. (rest of sentence in Cherokee).

CLOTHING

(What kind of clothes did they wear back then?)

They just weren't there a long time ago.

(Gingham dresses?)