

they didn't have no police at that time.

(If anybody ever neglected their responsibilities--was there anybody that would go to them and tell them they should be doing better, or correct them, or something like that?)

Oh, yeah. They used to go and correct one another.

(How would they do that?)

They just go over there and tell them that they should do better and they should look after their children and everything like that. They didn't punish nobody.

(Who would be the ones that go and tell them?)

Well, the older people used to go. People that were older than them. The ones that doing wrong, they used to go to--mostly it was just advising. And if they didn't take the word, it was up to them. It was up to them to live the way they want to.

(Pause)

MYRTLE'S TALK AT SCHOOL

Over here at the school they got my grandson to come after me to tell how I lived when I was a child--when I grew up. I went over there. I told that teacher I said, "Why is it that I have to tell the way I was raised and the way I lived?"

"That's part of this boy's lesson. He's got something be told about one of his folks that lived this long." "Well," I said, "I tell you. I just going to tell just a little bit of it and no more. If that's going to help him with his grade, I'm willing to tell you. But if it's just for being nosy, I'm not telling," I told her. But boy I'm telling you, them school kids, they sure did take interest in it. I told what I knew and how I grew up and all that. Towards the last I said, "Let me tell you, this generation, it wasn't--it's not like the way we growed up," I said. "When we growed up, we didn't run to any boy that was coming towards us. We were afraid of boys," I said.

"But this new generation is doing--when they're five years old they got girl friends," I told them. "That's right. That's right." The school boys, they just laugh. "And then another thing," I said, "I hear lot of white people--they always say that the Indians didn't know the Lord. They did. They prayed all the time. Before they go anywhere--before they going out for something--they used to pray to the Lord to watch over them. They knew the Lord. I think the white people didn't know Him," I said. Yeah.

(I was wondering if a chief--like Little Raven or Left Hand or some of these people--if they ever--?)

Now that Left Hand, I don't know nothing about. Over there down at Geary, that's where they know something about him. And if there was any head chief at