

and wash you off and I raised you," I said. And then he said, "And where did my little brother come from?" Hannibal said. And I said, "From a dog." "Oh!" And they went out and played and just think, his brother told him, "Hannibal, I'm going to always call you 'cow'", he said. And "I'm going to always call you 'hog'", he said. And "You call me a cow," he said. "And little brother, we'll call him 'puppy'".

(About what age were they when they were asking things like that?) Well, Lewis was about eight years old, I think, and Hannibal was six and Tommy was just little. He was about two and a half, I think.

(And what were you teasing Alta about the other night?)

I told her--she asked me who you were--I said, "Oh, that's my daughter," I told her. "Oh," she said. She look at me. "Were you married to a white man?" "Yeah," I told her. "What was his name?" "Cecil Titbaugh. That's her father," I told her. "Oh. You must have married an ugly white man!" she said. And afterwards I said, "I'm just teasing you. That's just a friend of mine."

MOTHER-DAUGHTER RELATIONSHIP

(I was just interested in the way a mother would tease her daughters or her sons. Do they joke with them?)

Yeah, they always joke.

(How would a mother tease her daughter?)

Oh, you know, they just tease them. "You act pretty," or "You're after that one." Or, "You just act pretty to that boy," Something like that--they tease them. And sometimes they tell them, "She can't do nothing. She can't make anything. She's lazy." And all that. "Sleepy-head," and all that, you know. That's the way they used to tease them. They wouldn't tease them in a bad way. They always just make fun of them. When they can't do anything, they used to tease them about it. And like if you say, "Go get a spoon," or something like that, and if they come out and say, "I can't find it," you'd say, "I bet if there was sweet candy in there you'd find it in a minute!" Like that. That's the way they used to tease them. But mostly they advise