

Til they....she nurse her boy til he was five years old. They nurse them as long as they can. And as long as till another one come along, you know.

(Did the Comanches try to space their children?) (Referring to practicing of birth control)

You just let nature take its course. But as a rule they're three or four, or five years old before you have another one. They are very, very careful about that because they think so much of that child that they don't wanna wean it under its age. And they let it nurse as long as you have milk for it. But just as soon as you wean that child you're in trouble you see. You're gonna hurt that child. Well, he's big enough to ride horse back. I guess if he went on a horse race and came back she'd nurse him. And as long as they do that there ain't no chance of that child getting heart broken over it. That's the idea.

(When a woman was pregnant did she have any special things to eat?)

No, I don't think they have any special things. There's one thing they're very careful about...the older people...the grandmas won't eat crackers. I laugh at Grandma; when she was that way she wouldn't eat crackers. "No, you can't eat crackers," states the Grandma. Why? Grandma I said. "There might be a worm in it and get in there and injure the baby." And she can't have any plums because there might be worms in it and the worms get in there, and eat the baby. (laughs) That's the idea. That's silky but they really do believe in that. They are very strict about them feelings. Anything like that. Have to be careful.

(Could the women who were pregnant go any place they wanted?)

Sure they go till the last minute.

(Who delivers the baby?)

The old people.

(Did you have to pay them or give them gifts?)

Give them a present. Yeah, they're not like doctors. You have to give them (referring to doctors) a certain amount but you give 'em whatever you want. Sometime you might overpay them. But anyhow, they'd take care of you.

(What kind of things did you give them?)