

I have learned, I have learned the hard way-- 'cause nobody show me how to cook either. I just learned the hard way.

(What did you think when you...?)

I don't know, I don't know. ((laughter))

(Were you afraid?)

I probably was.

(Do you remember when you started? How old you were?)

I believe I was about 14 or 15--something like that.

(And no one told you anything about it?)

No, nobody never told me anything.

(They didn't say anything about birth or...?)

Nothing. I learned that myself.

(Boy!)

No, I didn't have nobody tell me about things like that. I didn't know.

(Did they tell you afterwards, after you had started your period?)

Uh-huh.

(Did they tell you at... Did the school mention anything like that?)

No.

(Were they mostly women?)

Women, yes.

(How old were you when you first went to your husband?)

16--17.

(How did you meet him?)

Well, like Red Owl ((?)). I went to a county fair at Okemah. And I was with another man--he came--but they had little switches that they got at the fair and he hit me on the shoulder. And I was with another man but he said, "You want to ride the merry-go-round?" and I said, "Yes."