

You know how, you know, you know, where we got this idea of wrapping meat and food and stuff like that you know, in aluminum foil?

(No)

Well, funny thing, people have mistreated not only the Indians, but other dark skin people, you know the - - because they were dark-skinned, no, but - - those people like I said, they weren't dumb, or stupid like a lot of people said they were. They were intelligent and knew a lot more how to get along and live in this country than we did.

(The Indians?)

Sure they did. And some of them still do. You know, know a lot better - - You know if the Indian people had of had guns and the ammunition you know, that the whites had when they started all this ruckus, there wouldn't of been any whites around. Cause they knew the country. We didn't. You ever stop to think about that? Well you think about it. Well, lets take yourself for instance. Or anybody else you know. Now, I don't know where your home is, but you probably know your home, better than anybody else. A stranger couldn't come in your house and go through it and get anything he wanted to. Bout as good as you could or quick as you could. Well, this was their home, this land, it wasn't just a house, this was- and they knew all of it: They knew every foot of it; they knew the weather; they knew when a storm was coming up; - that's where my father learned. He learned to read the stars, and the seasons, and when to plant the things, and when to hunt for the game and when - and he could tell you without looking at the clock in the evening(?). He could say, now if you go down to the creek, little rabbits or whatever it was nappeded to be that he knew that he knew was in that community. He say they be down there. You can get one. I've heard tell my brother a lot of times. You know he used to tell - take us in the summer time - - and he had these old cane