

(Well, when was it when you lived around the Indians? Was it when you were in Drum-right?)

When I was a little kid (unintelligible) you know how a Cherokee marriage is performed? Well, I don't know the name of the song and the dance, you know, that they do, but I know this marriage ceremony, this chief that performs--well, he's a chief of the tribe always--like a medicine man, but anyway he's a kind of a guy that does all this--anyway the boy takes a blanket, a brand new blanket and you know, he tugs and holds it like that by the corners and then the girl, she has a dress, before she gets married--and the women they take her out somewhere and they scurb her boy, I mean she's cleaner than clean. They scurb the girl from top to bottom and then they use butter or tallow or some other fat, you know to oil her skin up--they use more butter to grease her face than they did eat it see. They use to come get my grandma and my mama and them and Mam said Nettie was one of the Indian girls that Mama used her to get to work for us, see? And about every other day maybe Mama go up there and gets her. They had a name for butter--she never called it butter. Milk is lay-chee, but I can't think--it's a word somethin' like sauve--is part of the word of butter, but I can't understand it--but anyway she'd come up there and she'd say, "Miss Dickson, I want, you know, I want some of your butter, see." And mama said, "Well, Nettie, what in the world you gonna do with so much butter..I just give you a pound and a half or two pounds of butter the other day." She said, "I know you don't eat that much butter on bread." "Naw," she said, "I'm gonna put it on my face." You know she took a bath and they--you know where they took a bath? They take this sand right there, you know, in that water--they took all this stuff, grease and put on 'em, then they get out there in that sand and they just rub with sand up and down until it takes all that grease off, then they take a rag and bursh it off. Now sand's clean, just like I told you, see, it's river sand--they just don't get this, this old nasty dirt sand down here.

(What about that wedding?)

Well, this wedding--this girl gets all scrubbed you know, and she gets on the best thing they have, or whatever clothes they make a certain kind of a garment, you know,