

to the Indians-- The rations. (government issued food and farm supplies for the Indians.) "And the freight master, he's got the orders from the Agent to give to the man--where we're going to haul freight," he says. "So we went over there to Pauls Valley, and freight didn't come in. And we had rations for about two days--two or three days. And our rations give out, and the wagon boss' money that he had to buy rations with, he bought groceries with it, and fix the wagons. There were wives and everything, and they soon ate up everything. And we didn't have no money. And the freight wouldn't to come in till next week. We didn't know what to do." So he said, "The wagon boys and some of them that speak a little English all of them got together and had a council--what we're going to do. We got to have something to eat. We run out of everything to eat, and the freight won't come in till next week. And we have to wait for it. And so we went over to mayor in town asking what could we do. We got no groceries and the freight whoever it was--must have been a government Agent had to handle the freight, and see that they get loaded right from the train. He went with them up there, and told the town that we had to have something to eat for the freighters, waiting. And so the town suggested that they put on a program--Indian program. Indian dance. Well, medicine dance. And the whole town will come in and spectators pay us a dollar a ticket. We'll raise a lot of money." He said "You put a lot of poles and canvas all around and have only one entrance." "Well, in the evening," he said "We'll let it out that everybody go over there this evening--gonna have a big program, dance. Lot of tickets. And when it's over with, you pay for your groceries. We'll give you enough groceries now, till after the dance, and then you'll have money for after the dance. So the City of Pauls Valley gave us a lot of groceries. And everybody was willing to dance. And we didn't have no costumes," he said. "So we have to make some." My father said, "I never