

Yeah.

(Did you ever give them some, then, when it was cooked?)

No. We girls used to just eat them up.

(Did you have any duties you had to perform--did your mother or dad or other grownups have anything they wanted you to be doing--any kind of work?)

Oh, no. We never did. "Go play," they used to tell us, when we bother around them. They didn't want us around to mess up their work. They just send us out to play outside. And we never did refuse them. We just go outside and play.

(Would you ever go out and play by yourself?)

No.

(Was there ever anything they'd tell you not to do--like don't play near the river or anything like that?)

No. They never did tell us that. Because we was far away from the river. And then they used to just have draw wells, you know. We used to have a bucket and they had a wheel right in the center of that--you know those old-time wells what they used to have. We never had no pumps. We just had draw-wells. Till lately, they used pumps.

(Did you ever help your mother with cooking or carrying water or anything like that?)

No.

TIPIS AND CAMP LIFE

(Were you all living in a tipi at that time?)

Yeah. All the Indians lived in tipis.

(Was it made of canvas or skin?)

Canvas. Ducking.

(The one you lived in, did it have any designs painted on it or any kind of decoration?)

No. We just had plain ones.

(Was it very big?)

Oh, it was so we could get in and out.

(How many people were living in it at one time?)

I don't know. Used to be a bunch of Indians gather all around. Everywhere they had relatives and just go and visit them and stay two or three weeks at a time. With each other. Our folks