

No. Pitch 'em at a peg.

(Just to hit the peg?) )

Yeah. You know, it's just like pitchin' horseshoes, just close to it, you know. And that was a good game. Man, oh, you could see--I guess all the Indians gather up to them places, you know. Of course, them older men would gamble on them. They had a little money and they'd gamble on that stuff. But us younger ones, we'd just practice.

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS - A LOT OF SINGING IN CHEROKEE

(There used to be--you were talking a while ago about them being more friendly, and more concerned about each other--they did a lot of gathering in different homes, didn't they? For feeds, events and social meetings, etc?)

Yeah. They had meetings, we'd have singing. A lot different than it is now. You put on a singing now, the pies and cakes got to be on the table. Them days, they had a little old block of salt laying on there.

(A block of salt?)

A block of salt. And when they sing, they all sung notes and then in Cherokee. And they'd lick that salt ever once in a while, you know, take a little in their hands. They claim that took care of their throats, you know. Well, I don't know what it done to them. That's the way it was then. They didn't necessarily do it like they do now.

(Did they have a dinner or food along with it?)

Yeah.

COMMUNITY WORKINGS WHERE ALL NEIGHBORS HELPED

But they'd have workin's, back yonder, and they go cut wood for somebody. Somebody would ser up a big workin' you know. And Bóy, I tell you, you could see the choppin' axe and crosscut saws comin' across them ridges goin' to that big workin'. That's the way--they love one another then. Oh, they cut twenty-five or thirty ricks of wood in a days time.

(Just being a neighbor?)