

(What did they call that kind of soap?)

Lye soap.

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I have a bar that my sister made, using just fried meat grease. Now they use it with put borax in it and Mary War lye and it makes an awfully pretty white soap. I'll show you a bar.

(Well, I'd like to see it.)

We had life a little easier and things weren't quite so bad. We baked our own lightbread.

PREPARING THE BODY FOR BURIAL

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- - wherever they lived on one side of the river, then later on they moved across the river, then his grandmother died and and river was up and just didn't look like any chance of it going down so they couldn't get across to bury Grandmother by Grandfather, so they had to bury her on the other side of the river. Some are separated. I think one is in the Allen Cemetery and I don't know what the that other cemetery is. Well, they didn't have any embalming then, you know, they just had to do it real quick, in the summertime especially. Well, you know even embalming wasn't done too much even, see my father has been gone forty-two years. And he died the first of April and the undertaker came down from Fairland and got him ready, but they didn't embalm him. My mother died in '42, I mean '44, and I believe that who are those embalmers in Vinita?

(Irvin Beal or Burkhalter?)

It might have been. Anyway, when Dad had the furniture store, he sold caskets