

(Mighty cold, I guess it would kinda calm'em down a little. Yeah, I heard that you know.)

They said they'd dip'em in the water--break the ice. That's one way of calming 'em down. I guess talkin'--they didn't listen to the talkin', why they did that next, maybe that worked.

(Yeah. Seems like those Indians was really hardy people back there, you know, just like they always say that the other tribes, you know, they always looked upon--up to the Osages, because he stood so tall you know. And he was always--most of 'em as a rule was--)

Big people.

(Yeah. It seems like that they always would go, generation after generation and was kinda--I mean, you might say were the pure blood Osage is a kind of rarity these days. And seem like when we go along on that lines, seem like we lose kind of a--kinda losin' what we stand for. I mean, we just--we still retain our name and tribe and such as that, but we are just kind of a inter-marrying to each other, with other tribes and the whites and such as that.)

And gettin' all mixed up.

(But, you know back then, like I said. It seemed like they had a way too--just way back there, when they chose these people to get married, you know, they kinda liked them to be married to people that were healthy and good mind and good heart and seem like the strain of the pure Osage was healthy and he was clean thinking and all that. I mean that's what they wanted, you know. That's what they strived for to keep these people together. Isn't that what you heard?)

Then on that side, they have to look at the background too.

(They were considered the ancestry of the people. They want their child to marry--for instance--some family might bring their son to the daughter--some family's daughter, and they would kinda have to, oh, gather-around their family and see