

In their younger days, she and her husband used to attend the stomp dances held by the Senecas up north of Honey Creek. She remembers the Splitlogs, Spicers, and Cnapmans who were Senecas.

She talks about the children of her young days and how well mannered they were as compared to conditions to-day. She believes modern society has dealt a cruel blow to the upbringing of children, when it is a rare occasion to see a polite courteous child. In her days the parents made a full time job of raising children, and did not hesitate to correct them when needed. Children in the older days did not have any idle time, as there was work to be done by all of the family.

Up until about 1933, Mrs. Cheater says most Indians did not use the services of modernized undertakers. When an Indian died he was dressed for burial and placed in a homemade casket. As was the custom friends or relatives sat up all night with the body. The burial next day was very simple, the casket being hauled from the home to the graveyard on a wagon. Pall bearers were picked from those attending the funeral and the funeral services conducted at the graveside. After the casket was lowered sometimes food and clothing were placed at the end of the casket. Mrs. Cheater says she never quite believed this was necessary, and says that she does not want any canned food placed by her casket when she passes on.

She confirms the belief of others that the winters, have changed very much since she can remember. Big two to four foot snows were not uncommon in the early days in this part of the country.

Indians of an older time were very much self-sufficient, as she says that long ago about all they had to buy from a store was salt, sugar, and coffee. They always had a good supply of flour and cornmeal on hand which they had ground at one of the mills during the harvest time. She believes that people lived better, were better fed, and much happier in years past.