

Didn't have to and so...

(Did they dry and smoke fish back in them days?)

Yeah. Yeah. And the best I ever ate, Boyce was that...was that kind of cooking then. Very few people was sick then, didn't, well they got sick same as they do now, but the best stuff that I ever ate in my life that I can remember. I still tried...to go back to that stuff that I ate back yonder, was barbecued fish. And then turned into make soup out of. Now there's the best stuff I ever put my lips to. And I went to a stomp...I'd go to dance, you know. After I got so old, I got me a horse and saddle. I managed to do that here, and so I'd... I'd go to these stomp dances and have stomp dance over here on Stony Point, Sugar Mountain, and all through there. Well, shoot, I roamed this country over. Man had a horse, he was hot stuff. Boy. And I rode up to a stomp dance then right there just on top of the hill at July Springs used to be a big stomp dance ground. And so I rode up there and I knowed the old lady. Done the cooking there. Just about dark. And I got off my horse and tied him up. She come runnin' out there. Well, the Indian knowed you was hungry. And they...they didn't wait for you to ask them. They wanted you to eat. And I said. She said, "We just got through eating and we like to ate everything up." She said, "I got something left." And I said, "Well, I'll eat anything, you know." Just went on kidding one another. She went in and got me a great big old bowl. And had me a big piece of water cornbread. Just plain cornbread. And...

WATER CORNBREAD IS ENJOYED

(Water cornbread?)

Water cornbread. And there wudn't nothing in it but water cornbread. So that's the only way an Indian will eat cornbread. That tribe. I'll tell you something about these cooks going around town trying to boost this cornbread for these Indians. They ain't going to do