

Right there in the house. And we cooked on that. Too cold to cook outdoors in the evening you know. They gathered corn, I don't know just how long we stayed there. And then we come to town and we moved in a little house right back of Frank Tinker's house down here on, where they used to live across the track.

(Uh-huh.)

FRANK TINKER OFFERS TO ADOPT THE FAMILY INTO THE OSAGE TRIBE

And they just took us in like we were their own children. And he tried to get us to let him adopt us.

(Into the tribe?)

Into the tribe.

(Osage tribe.)

And Dan wouldn't do it. And they just took care of us like we was their own kids. They'd furnish us meat and 'course I worked--

(What was their names?)

Frank and Louisa Tinker.

(Tinker. Uh-huh.)

Uh-hum. She was Revard before she married him. And it's Vester Tinker's and Tom Tinker's father and mother. And he was about your size. He was little bitty fellow. He wasn't as big as Bert but he was between Bert and Nobbie. And he stayed there with us about half the time. He told me here while back, he told somebody, says, "You know this woman fed me more biscuits and gravy than anybody in the would." Said, "She just kept me alive on biscuits and gravy."

HUSBAND MADE AND SOLD TAFFY CANDY - MATTIE MADE AND SOLD HOMINY

(What dad do for a living then?)

Well he made candy.