

Indians used to use dirt like that, to bathe in. They didn't know what was hand soap in them days, and they use this. Get clean, too. You might ask Gertie, she might know. Because you know her grandfather, that old man, Captain, he sure had a lot of different stories. But I guess we all didn't pay any attention. 'Cause it's just like Alfred's grandfather, that same old man, Captain, he sure did tell stories. Gertie said I never once thought about catching one of his songs, she said. Now, I'm sorry, I wished that I did. She said, he used to sing every morning after breakfast, he sat at the table and sang and talked.

STORY ABOUT THE CANADIAN RIVER

Just like that Canadian River, when they pass over the bridge, they throw out change out their, money. Any amount of money. They throw out pennies, and nickels, and dimes.

(Is that the South Canadian?)

Uh-huh. It's just their way. I don't know what. They say, ..well, before they throw it out there, they spit on that money, and they say, well, I never will have hard times you know. That's just the way they put it. I'll never go hungry, and I want my future to be long and bright, and then they throw it in there, say, I'm going to give you this.

(Do people still do that?)

Yeah. Some still do that. But the younger generation, now, they really shy, or you might say ashamed about doing something like that.

(Ella Lou: I think I'm with the old people. Every time we cross the river, it's got to have water in it.)

STORY ABOUT WHY INDIANS ARE NOT STINGY

You know last year, when Irene (Peelah) donate that beef down here. She took it to the locker up there. Well, she said, you go ahead and fetcher it, and I'll get back tomorrow, she said. She told Gertie and I that we could have, you know, like the