

Yes.

(How about water?) Did you all have to carry water?)

Yeah, from the spring about two miles.

(Oh, my goodness. How would you carry it?)

We use bucket.

(Did you kids have to go every day?)

Yes. All the kids does.

(About how many of you would have to go? How many buckets did you all own?)

Well, we carried each two buckets.

(You must have had a lot of buckets. Like when you wanted to take a bath?)

We swim.

MAKING SOAP

(In the summer you just went swimming, is that right? Now how about soap? Now I know back then a lot of folks made their own soap.

And did you all do the same thing? And I've often been confused as to how they really made that. Could you tell me how they made that?)

Well, I used to know how to. Yeah, I could. Well, I used one lye can and one can of grease. I forgot what can. I believe a gallon grease.

(Now by grease, you mean pork grease from the hog?)

Yeah.

(After it's been rendered down?)

We always had a bucket. And everytime we wash dishes we get grease on top of that water. We'd save that.

(Uh-huh)

That grease.