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kids eat till noon. And that's when they going to eat these strawberries,

(What time of year did you get the wild strawberries?)

Oh just like right now, I guess they ripen now. Just that time.

(Would you get very many?)

Well, if there's lots of them you can get lots.

(Did you ever get as much as a gallon?)

Oh yeah, sometimes a little over. They used to be kinda lots. And I used to go with my aunt on her own place. They used to be some, and she used to say there's a lot of red blankets over there. That's what they always say. They mean strawberries (are) red. And she said, "There's lot of red blanket down there. We'll go pick 'em," she always tell me, and we go and sure 'nough they're just red. Good strawberries.

(Were they anything like the strawberries we buy at the store?)

They're just like that, just like the strawberries what you buy.

(Were they that big?)

Some of them--tall ones--they're big. But these small,--you know, don't grow tall--they just touch on the ground and they just have lots of sand on them. And these tall ones they're way up there, and they don't be right next to the ground.

(Did you ever get the small ones, the ones that grow next to the ground? Did you eat those too?)

Yeah, somebody can eat them, you going to have to wash them lots of times. But my aunt she don't like to wash them lots of times. That's what's the matter with her.

(Well I don't blame her.)

And she say, "Oh they got too much sand on 'em. Don't pick those," she always tell me, "They have too much sand on 'em." And she don't--you can wash them lots of times, you know, get the sand off of 'em. So that's bout all I know 'bout the strawberries.

(Well, what kind of land do they grow in, would it be woods or hills?)