

CHILD RAISING AND DISCIPLINE

(Tell me some more about when kids were little--how a mother would raise her children. When she would start teaching things--)

Well, they just raise their kids just like we do, way back. Only they didn't have clothes what we have. And they'd tell them that if they do this or that, somebody was going to get them. That's how come they were all good kids. They didn't used to bother no other person's stuff. They stayed right at their home and they didn't bother around like these kids does.

(You didn't say they had clothes like they have now. What would the kids dress in?)

They used to have buckskin leggings and little G-strings, and long shirts. That's how they used to dress.

(That's for little boys?)

Little boys. But little girls, they used to have these cloth dresses. But they used to be open clear over here (under arms)--like that one I made for you.

(If a child was bad--like if they started to bother something--who would correct them?)

Well, their folks would correct them, like we do. Correct them. And they would tell him that he wasn't going to have anything. Like, you know, they used to give horses to their kids--certain horses. He wasn't going to get it--it was just going to stay all the time. Well, they used to all mind their folks and do what they wanted them to do. But nowadays you just can't get anyone to listen to his folks. They used to scare them some way. I don't know--they used to tell them that there was somebody that was going to carry them away if they didn't behave or if they were bad. And they used to--