

had tight clothes. The only thing they used to wear was the buckskin clothes. You probably seen chaps these cowboys wear, they wore something like that but they was just leggings. And leggins are just like chaps. But they had their breechcloth. I don't know--time rolled along, after Columbus landed. I don't know how long after Columbus landed that they brought cattle across here. Cattle. Then they started killing the buffalo off, tried to civilize the Indian. The first step the white man took is to destroy. Destroy. And they is still destroying, and now they try to rebuild. Wildlife. After they destroy this buffalo, well naturally the Indian they went hungry. Because deer, they were plentiful in them days too. They only meat they had was deer. And it was their clothing too, for buckskin. They made their clothes out of it. Well, they tanned that. They made their moccasins, dresses, leggings, every bit of their clothing out of it. But before the buckskin came in they used buffalo. The hide. They used to tan it, made their moccasins with it. And they used to take that whole hide and use it for their blanket, use it for their bedding. That buffalo was everything to them. Even they'd take that buffalo hide and make their tipis with it, and them tipis they was warmer than a house, cause the wind couldn't go through it nowhere. And after the white man destroyed the buffalo, the Indian had to fall on the white man's side. Started getting blankets, calicos, different clothes to make their garments. And now today, only thing we run to the store and buy our clothes. But before my time, my people used to make their own clothes, out of buffalo hide, deer hide, elk, moose, whatever kind of hide they could get hold of. Well, I don't know how long after Columbus landed when