

a big old stack you know. But still the white man will come and buy it from them. And of course, if there was a boy in the family well he goes out with his father and help him, and take care of the horses and. Well, there's much to do on the farm and they haven't got ah...They're not gifted for that. They just pick it up. And the government issue them cows, and they milk some of them you know. And they raise lots of cattle all over them pastures--horses, ponies you know. But once in a while they get a Mexican to come in and break one or two of them colts or young horses and that way the boy gets a chance to ride along with 'em you know. But us girls-- we don't know nothing. We just dumb. We just stay around and play mostly. We don't have nothing to do.

(What kind of games did you play?)

Kick ball. They make little rag balls in those days. Course I guess there's some kind of balls now, but the mothers make little rag balls. And they kick 'em. They kick way out there, just kicking and it never falls. They just jump. (repeat several times) And on Sunday it was a great sport. The women--the neighbors would ride horseback and wagon and we'd go to certain families. They live up on a hill. They'd get all fixed up you know and they'd come down that hill kicking that ball. Maybe they'd kick it way down to the bottom of that hill and it never falls. And they bet one another. And mostly they gamble too, you know. They play cards and half the time they ain't got nothing to do. And ah..they'll get, they come to town here and they get spools of thread. Oh, we'd go horseback riding or something...plumming, dry corn,...just like that. We don't have to but them you've got to get out and do something. They are pretty strict with the young mothers you know.

They have to take care of theirselves. They make them stay in bed and they don't get out like they do at the hospital now...the next day. They stay in bed.

(How long do they stay in bed?)

About a week. They stay in bed and them grandmas had to take care of the babies and...but we don't have no nursing bottles. The good old breast.

(How long did they nurse the children?)