

(Why not?)

Well, she says it's in the snake belly. "Take it out! Take it out!"

"Well, grandpa," I said, "This is fish." She said, "No, keep it out there."

So we had white Collis, Masons, little in the two-room house (next to ^{the} John's house.) the government house. So I took it out there. Said, "I like to have it cooked." "All right." Took off the skin. He's kind of hard to--he's got a combination of skins--eel. They like it over there.

BEARS, BELIEF AGAINST EATING OF

(Why didn't she like the bear meat?)

Well, I don't know. Some peoples--in the belief. I guess--they don't believe certain animals--it's kind of religious.

(You mean just some peoples of the whole world?)

Yeah, just some peoples don't like this--certain peoples.

OTTER, USE OF FUR

There used to be--what do you call this--otter. Used to be on this little creek right here--you could see that little creek there. Then trees just ran so far over there, and the rest of the way--it's just kind of a deep--almost creek-like, way back up here, which is where it begins--and it's freshwater. Used to be beaver, --I mean, otter.

(Did you ever see them?)

My uncle, Henry (Mynchank), he chased one, one night. He's got to--he used to like to hunt. We chased one up that draw, here (apparently narrow draw with spring at the head, tributary of Snake Creek which flows through middle of Althea's place.) We lost him, they're fast you know. Yeah, they're kinda about that lot. Boy, they really can get!

(Now is that different from mink?)

Well, they're almost--mink and otter almost got the same size. But their color's a little different. Like, you take these beavers--beavers got a wide tail. But those animals are almost alike. But this otter--I got a skin of one. I don't