

Oh, I dream about it sometimes -- the things -- sometimes, well, people say we had a hard life. We were a lot happier than we are now. And I can't remember hearin' my mother complain about puttin' out the washin'. I never heard her holler about the kids clothes when she used to buy blue ducking by the bolt to make overalls for the boys. She'd buy -- (( Irrelevant )) I can remember takin' many, many, many teaspoons of vinegar, black pepper and salt for bad cold.

( Sounds like it ought to cure just about anything.)

Have sometimes, kerosene and sugar. You know, I went from --

( what was that for?)

Bad cold.

( What'd it do for you ?)

Well, it made me sick. I had a very weak stomach and just the smell of a lot of things made me sick. No. (( Irrelevant conversation )) The medicines we took -- now I remember one time mamma got medicine from a doctor, -- because we, we the kids like I said, washed their hair with it. We come up with some little things in our hair -- and she went down to the doctor and got some stuff for that. Then one other time, I remember, for some member of the family, she come up with some straight quinine. But she used to, usually try to poke some of that stuff down me, and I never could keep it down -- o o h that sulphur and molasses.

( She didn't complain about what she had to do?)

No. I can never remember hearin' her complain. I can't absolute -- and you know, they even bought material to make sheets by the bolt. Well, that's the way she did when she'd buy. 'Course, you know, we didn't have a lot of boys, so, she didn't buy a bolt of material to make boys' shirts. I mean after I