

change shift - when men went on duty - she told her mother. "I listened to every word they said," she said. She said, "Tomorrow they're goin' to come and check all the men's guns and bows and arrows. They're goin' to have one family keep one gun and boy's arrows. So her mother later on went and told her brother or somebody. Anyhow, the crier of the camp was informed of that so he went around the camp and made the announcement of all the men and boys. That had good guns-good arrows- you know, regular war bows - to hide them. Don't go out and hide them in a bush or anything like that, but just dig a little trench under your bed. Wide enough and long enough for bows and arrows and guns to be set in. Just cut out the sod deep enough so your gun and arrows could be buried under there and set that sod back. But leave the boy's arrows out, and any old guns out that you don't really care for much, exposed. And sure enough, in that morning, the seventh-must have been the seventh-the new shift came on and checked all the bows, every camp. High and low in tipi and out in the yard hunting guns. They made 'em keep a few guns. And they really just didn't care for them much - old models maybe - Winchesters most of them. But all the boys' arrows and quivers were exposed. They took them out and checked them. Took some of them. Course the arrows of the boys were good. They were made by the same people that made their own bows and arrows for warfare. Well, they kept a few of them, but, of course the oldest ones they said, "We don't want them - Let's let the Indians keep them." They collect them and took them to Fort Reno. I used to see those arrows and guns up Fort Reno for years after that. They kept them there as kind of museum. But then this old man announced, from what I was told, he says, "After midnight, you women and menfolks - you got able-bodied boys - your ponies are all out there in the pasture. You know, your herds. You go out there and put lariat on all those horses you're goin' use. We're goin' to break out here a little after midnight. Saddles and whatever food you want to carry - luggage, blankets,