

for the fish poisoning--what they call fish poisoning, you know and have it published, you know, so everybody would know, and everybody invited to take a bushel buckeye root or as many bushels as they wanted to, down to this certain place on the river. Well, they'd all gather down there on the river and everybody that had budkeye roots--they had a secretary there to take their names and take--if they had two bushel buckeye root, they'd have his name down for two bushels buckeye root. Well, then the next morning early they would go up there--up the stream to shallow place up on shoals, you know on the river. So, they would gather smart weed and just make a little row of it in this water where it wasn't deep enough to wash it away. And so they had to gether all the smart weed they could get. Then they'd take the budkeye roots and strew that right on top of the smart weed, they had to do that one evening. And so next morning then all the men folks were deputized to take clubs and go up there and just beat that all into a pulp to get all the juice out of the buckeye roots. That would be just about daylight. Well, then, the men would all go home then and eat breakfast and by time they could get back up there after eating breakfast why this poison water would be down in the big hole of water where they wanted the poison, you know. Well, they'd have their gigs and invite the women and children to go up there and take their gigs and all the fish they killed they'd lay 'em out on the bank right where they killed 'em. And so after they'd kill all the fish they could, well, then, if they had two hundred bushel buckeye roots, they'd have two hundred piles of fish. And that's the way they divided them you know. Fellow that had most buckeye roots there got the biggest part of the fish. We generally take about two bushel buckeye roots. And of course we'd get our two pile of fish. So they took 'em home then. Built little scaffold up--oh, a little higher than this table, I guess, and build fire underneath there. They lay the fish up on