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(What kind of things did you study in school?)

Oh, just read. And sometimes we go to school at night. They call it 'study hour.' We go and learn embroidery and they teach us how to crochet. I took crocheting so I learn how to do that. And other girls, they take embroidery and some of--I don't know what you call that--tatting, that's it. Yeah, they learn us lots of things.

(How about sewing?)

They show us. See, we go to school half a day up there, and some girls go to sewing half a day. Where they make our own dresses--we make our own dresses. School dresses and Sunday dresses. We all have to dress alike. And they give us all those things. And when I work in the laundry I work all half a day. I iron on a mangle and I press shirts and pants, hand iron--but we have a mangle. So I work half a day and go to school half a day.

(What were your dresses like?)

Oh, they were blue dresses. They were blue cotton, and Sunday we had dark blue flannel, dark blue wool dresses made. They were really made cute. I used to like 'em. Only thing what I didn't like is you have to wear them big old pancakes--caps--on your head Sunday, going to church. We all had to wear them, but we didn't like 'em.

(What church did you go to?)

FRIENDS (QUAKER) MISSION

They had this Quaker church. They had Quaker church then. I didn't join the church till I got old. This church Quaker--Friends Mission over here--we're just about out, where we used to go all the time when my kids were small. So we change into Baptists.

(What happened to the church there?)

Well, Indians are funny. They won't go unless they like somebody. If you mistreat 'em they won't go. We used to go all the time when there were