

Jimmie and my brother and two more brothers said they used to go up there and see him. He'd give cigars and they chew tobacco with him. And he was talking to Jimmy Osage. Jimmy didn't know--he couldn't talk. He said he understand.

CONVERSATION IN ENGLISH AND INDIAN LANGUAGE

Our mother and I we didn't ever talk Indian to her. We'd talk English and she'd talk Indian to us. That way--that's the way we did.

(You know mama said that--say that's the way they did it. She said they never did talk Indian. She said her folks talked to them in Indian, but they always answered 'em in English--)

Well, that's the way it was.

(And she can understand but she don't know how to say those words right.)

That's the way with me. Oh, one time, oh it hasn't been so long. Maggie, one time she was just talking to me and pretty soon she said, I bet you don't know what I said. I said yes I do, I know what you said but I can't tell you what I want to say. So she just laughed. But that has always been that way. Now I don't have nobody to talk to. I know what a few words are. I told Maggie, I said "Yes, I know when anybody talks about me." Now you know just very few talks it.

(I guess Billy Schroff he's probably the youngest. But they say he can really talk good. His grandmother used to talk to him.)

We used to--I'd tell kids things when I'd know what to call 'em but carry on--you know a conversation, why I couldn't do that.

(Uncle Wakon was teaching us how. I don't know--we stopped all of a sudden and we never started again. There's hardly any that can talk Indian.)

Well, that's what they get for not letting us talk. (Laughter)

(You know a friend of mine told me that his grandmother was in an Indian school when she was a girl and she said they used to get whippings for talking in Indian.)

Well, they claim that they do at Carlisle. They said they wouldn't allow them to talk. And they were trying to get after us at the boarding school. There was a matron there, nobody liked her. They used to talk about her. She'd get