

for that reason he didn't. He didn't join because his father told him that--"Scouts look too silly." The way they were dressed and things they did.

BIRDIE'S GREAT-GRANDMOTHER HAD HERD OF FIVE HUNDRED HORSES

(Do you remember if your mother said there was any way she remembered the year that she was born?)

No. She wouldn't remember. Her mother died when she was eight years old and she didn't know too much yet. Her grandmother raised her--her mother's mother. All she knew was riding wild horses. Her grandmother had five (hundred) head of horses. They roamed all around this prairie where Clinton is now. And they used to water them down there--they call it "Cow Pond." And that pond is still there. That's where my father used to water these horses. He'd sit on top of this hill here. It was just nothing but a bare hill. The only thing he saw was just where these railroads crossed, was a log house that the cowboys had built when they came out here to graze their cattle. And when the government ran them away from here, they left this log cabin standing there. And then they turned it into a railroad station. He said that was the only thing there. When the Cheyennes first came over here--I guess when they learned to ride the train--there weren't no busses then--they used to come down here and these Montana (Cheyennes) wanted to beat these southern Cheyennes some way. And they'd say, "Well, have you southern Cheyennes got this? Or has anyone done this thing?" And they named the great things that they had done up there. Well, these Cheyennes had done everything what they did up there. And they said, "let's see, what else could we try to beat you on--" These Montanas said