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(Did your mother make hers herself?)

Yeah, she makes them. All the womans make their own clothes. 'Cause it's that way making it.

(Well, did they wear aprons back then?)

Yeah, then they wear aprons. Oh, you might say they purtin near dress up ever day. People they comb their hair and have some kind of a yarn or something good, and have their face painted. Sometimes when they're slicing meat they all just paint up and fix meat. Oh, that's just awful now. We don't dress up now. That time people sure like to dress.

(Did they ever make dresses out of that dark blue wool cloth? Or red cloth?) I don't know. Oh, yeah-- (You know, that real expensive--) Yeah, I know. You know they have--I guess you seen it-- You seen some dresses, some girls wearing it at the dance--red sleeves on-- And this other piece (insert at side) is red, too. It's just solid color blue or green or something, but different color on the sleeves and on the side. They used to dress like that.

(Could you tell about those dresses?)

Well, just like that, I'm telling you now. They just have dresses that they wear, that time. They have red sleeves and the side is red, too. But the middle part like this kind, they have solid color, maybe blue, green, red or some kind. (When would they wear those kind of dresses?)

Just any time. Every day. They have some good ones but they don't use them. But they just dress that way ever day. That was just the way they dressed. -(Did that red-sleeved dress have any special meaning?)

No.

(What did they wear for dances or if they were having some kind of --) Doin's? (Yes.) Well, some wear buckskins and some don't wear buckskins. They wear just cloth clothes.