

So we go there. We go over there. They take my money, but I don't know and they go ahead and pay their bill up.

RATIONS: SHOES, MEN'S CLOTHING

(When did they first start wearing shoes?)

Well, that time when they were rationed. When they first ration I know they give me shoes--high top shoes. Long shoe string. When I put it on I was look at it. It fits funny--you know I been wearing moccasin and it feels funny to me. And I told my aunt, I said, "I don't like it!" I said. "Oh, it's cause you're worried," she said. "These moccasin make your toes come off," she said. It never did but she's just trying to scare me, I guess. And then I got used to it, wearing them shoes. And when I lose it I have to look for it. And when I find it I put 'em on. And I don't know how to string it. No, I didn't know how. And my aunt have to do it for me. And sometime my mother she do it for me. See, most of the time I stay with my aunt. I wasn't really even used to my folks 'cause they got two boys with them and I don't like them.

(Was it your mother's sister you stayed with?)

No, it's my daddy's sister.

(Well, did most of the people back then wear shoes or did they still wear moccasins?)

Well, they still wear moccasins. They wear moccasins yet, some of them. Old people wear moccasins. Some learn that we was getting shoes. They wear shoes. And I don't know just what year--'cause I never know, though. I don't know. But, they got shoes. It's got round heel 'bout that big, 'bout that long I guess. Some womans chop their heel off, and it looks like it's going (?) out like that--they don't like it--they throw them away.

(Did you think the shoes were as comfortable as your moccasins?)

Yeah, they'd rather wear moccasins 'stead of shoes. They chop the heel off and just throw them away. And one woman say, "No, just cut it 'round and throw the bottom part away and use the top. This is good. Put a sole." And some womans been doing