

(Did the Indian men ever wear hats? Like cowboy hats?)

They never did till they-- Oh yeah, when they got ration they got hats. They give them hats out, too. And I think one time they give--it was in the winter time-- they give clothes out again and they got caps. And they like it. They put it over their ear and they like to wear cap.

(Was it a knit cap or what?)

Yeah, they were just cap, you know like they're wearing now. (Stretchy kind?)

Work. Work cap. But Indians they know. They use some kind of stuff on it to work. May it fancy. Some of us put beads on it. Way back, they always have--I know--I seen my grandpa had--you know that one that come out--stick out like that? (bill or visor) Have beads all around here.

(Who did the beadwork on it?)

His wife.

SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

(I guess all the men had long hair back in those days.)

Yeah, they do. They wear long hair. Yeah, even to little boys they wear long hair. 'Cause they never went to school. See, I didn't know nothing. I didn't know how to say "dog," or nothing. I'm just Indian, that's all. But now I talk. When I first went to school I didn't know nothing. There's one girl--you know Susie Red-bone--her mother, she was my aunt. She said, "Hey!" she said. "When this lady tell you something, say 'yes.' I'll tell you," she said. "When it's 'no' I'll tell you," she said. And anything she tell me I say, "Yes," just 'cause she tell me "yes." And this lady say, "no, no, no, no, no, no!" And I didn't know my name. She says, "Connie!" I just keep still. I don't answer. She always hit me. That girl always hit me. "Answer!" And I was talk Apache to this woman. I said "What is that?" in Apach. "Izáná", I said. She didn't know. She said, "Tell her, 'what is it?'"