

CHILDREN WOULD LISTEN TO ELDERS IN EARLY DAYS

(No, they didn't have any schooling as they do now, but they had common sense.)

Oh, yes and they could sit down and listen. And you can't go in--I'll say I can't go in any of my six children's home and that they will sit down and listen to me. I've got one granddaughter--this one I told you about, she's eleven--well she will say once in a while, "Grandma, what is your idea on so and so?" I said, "Oh, I don't know. What you want to ask me for? I couldn't tell you nothin' about this day and time." No. But she said, "You just know a lot of things about Indians." She said, "When you made a trip to Indians, if I saw any wild Indians?" I told her, "No," I said, "No wild Indians." I told her what Eula Godfrey had said, that in a few years there was gonna be only half-breeds. And she said, "Oh, what a shame. What'll the Indians do then?" And I said, "Well, the majority of 'em will be tickled to death. Because they're forgettin' all their Indian ways and don't know anything." I talked with some people--I remember their name was Grogan that Mama had spoke of. I know one of 'em was about--the tall one and she'd weigh about 150 pounds. I told Nancy that she must be full of booze. She said, "No, Grandma, I don't think she is. I think she just acts like she is drunk." (sentence not clear). Well I thought that was terrible, being caught like that. It was amazin' to me that she would act like she was drunk. But they didn't think she was, so I guess she wasn't. But they are goin'-farther and farther away--oh, there's a few that's gonna stay with the way they was taught and raised, but very few. And I told my sister, I said, "They didn't want school to start and I asked her why. You got ever advantage in the world of acquiring a good education and makin' sumpin' out of yourself, you are so far ahead of what I was when I come here. We didn't have no schools to go to and I come out of