

Yeah, we done lot of things that's been mischief. We burned up a buggy, too. You know where Houston's house is? Down this way is a steep hill. One of these one-seated convertible buggies--we tied a rope on that wheel. Ward (Achilta), he holds that rope. We take turns on it--on this one-horse-drawn buggy. He guides it with that rope, you know. So we get it on this steep hill, and boy, we're coming down that hill. We build a big bonfire. Go right through it. We burn these tumbleweed. Get them all around the place and pile them up. Somehow somebody throw brushes in. Boy, I think it was about as high as this room. Tumbleweeds and brushes. We run right into it. We were just stuck like we (had) got in the mud. It was just blazing. We all jumped off. We watched that buggy burn. While we were all standing around there, that thing burned clear to the ground. What was left we throw in the creek. This old man, he lost his buggy.

(Did you ever tell him?)

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Somebody told. I don't know who told. Houston's always catching it. Yeah. Everybody went to town one day. We used to get on top the tents, you know, and slide down. All of us. Blackbear, he had a big tent. A brand new one. Boy, that was a good one! We get on the corner of the tent and pretty soon we're all on top--a whole bunch of us. And that backbone (ridge pole) broke in two! Boy, that tent was cut right in the middle. Boy, we took it down right quick. Drug it--we should have sewed it right there instead of dragging it down to the creek. And them girls, Isabel and Lilly and Clara and a whole bunch got together and they start sewing. When they got through sewing, we drug it back to where it was and put it up. He didn't know the different--he find out way after a while. Old Man Blackbear said, "Hey, I believe white man cheat us. He sold us a tent that's torn!"