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Topic: New London Road

[Marva Bond-Smith discussing her childhood and things she would do with her friends in the New London Road community in Newark.]

Marva Bond-Smith: Oh yeah, we used to do that out here, when I was a kid, you could sled down when it snow, sled down New London and we would sled also down here to Corbitt and right out here where this apartment is, the older kids in the community they would build a fire. I don't know where they go the tire from, but they would build up a fire so when you would come down the hill you would come there to get warmed and go back up again. You'd be so cold! When you get warmed up, then you start all over again, that was fun. There was also fun when it would rain, we would sit on the curb and make little boats and watch them go down the street's stream. And then we would have ball games up at the school ground and because there was a softball team, a men's team, I don't remember what they called them. And I mentioned it, the girls were the Dungaree Dolls. And they would have games up there and you know, all the community came together. And sometimes we'd have what you want to call them block parties, and the police would let you block off the street. And so, you had dances and sold all kinds of food it was just fun everyone would be out, and it was just fun.