

They make them themselves. They get this heavy canvas and made tipis out of it.

(Did your father ever live away from where the rest of you were for some time--would there be times when he wasn't at home or was he around all the time?)

No, he wasn't around all the time. He was one of the Indian police and he had to be gone. He used to go way down to El Reno and Hammond and they used to have to check around.

(Were there any other tipis or tents pitched real close to these two that belonged to your mother and grandmother?)

Yeah, there was a bunch of Indians camping. It was a big camp. I couldn't tell you how many there was, but there was a lot of them that camped there. All the Arapahoës, and then on the east side was Cheyennes. They used to all camp there.

COOKING ARRANGEMENTS AND RATIONS IN EARLY DAYS

(Would your mother and grandmother each have their own fireplace?)

No.

(How was that?)

They used to eat together. My grandmother used to do the cooking. She was the one that had the cooking and we used to all eat together.

(Would that be inside the tipi?)

Yeah, inside of the tipi.

(I was wondering--did they actually do their cooking inside the tipi or would they be cooking outside?)

They cook inside during the winter and outside in the summer-time.

(So it was you and your mother, and your grandmother, and your sister and your brother?)

Yeah.

(Would you all ever go and eat with some other relative very often?)

No, not very often. I don't think we ever went to anybody's and eat off of someone. We used to eat ourselves, and my grandma did the cooking.

(If you were all eating and your grandmother did most of the