

there and put it out in the sun. When it soaks in there, well she know it works--she pick it up. If it's kinda soft, well she go ahead and wash it out. And then she go ahead and scrape it with that bone. It gets it soft.

(Did you ever watch her?)

Yeah, I watched her. When she's making--fixing buckskin I always watch her.

(Did you ever do it yourself?)

I tanned two--for a white man. You don't know these people--they're all dead now, I guess. He brought 'em from somewheres. I guess they been out hunting. He brought two--pretty good sized, too.

(Deer hides?)

Yeah, deer hides. And he says, "Well," he says, "You want one hide or the money?" Well, I want the money. He say, "How much would you take?" "Well, I tell you," I said, "When I put this in the water, I'm gonna wash it," I said. "Get all that what was on there--blood and stuff like that--I'll clean it out. Then I'm gonna stretch it out and nail it. Then, "I said, "I'm going to--I have to leave that buckskin in a tub. And I go ahead and I tack it. You pull on them fur. When it's easy to pull, well, that time you get to it. Jerk all them off--take it all off. Then you go ahead and get your bone and you just take it over. Then you go ahead and soak it again. Stretch it again. And then you put that thing what grandma told me--liver and brains and grease--I smear it on both sides. I put it out in the sun. "When they kinda get dark," she said, "Them things that were soak," she said. I watch it. When it kinda got dark, well, I just took them sticks out and I roll it and I stuck it back in the water. When I got through, well, I went and rinse it out with warm waters. Wash it with soap and then rinse it good. And I got it real white--oh, just white! And I cut--you know, that dogwood? I cut two of them. I clean it. Took the bark off and I put one