

much--look at my teeth!" They were just barely sticking out of her gums. She had worn her teeth down to her gums. She said, "I did that so much, helping those people, and I made so many myself." And she said, "Another time we'd play and I'd see an old lady tanning hides. She'd be sitting there working that hide back and forth in a twisted wire." and those sickles--you know those things something like a knife that they cut hay or straw with-- She said they'd be using those. "And I'd say, 'Grandma, let me do it for a while.' 'All right!' Come on!' They used to be so glad to turn their work over to me. I'd sit down and do it, not knowing before how it was done, but I'd heard about it, and there I learned," she said. "And then maybe there was somebody else smoking a hide." They'd dig a hole, she said, and then they put this rotten wood in. They start the fire a little bit and then they'd start burning this rotten wood--rotten piece of wood. She said it just gives off a smoke. And she said, "Many times these old ladies would ask me, 'Run out to the prairie and bring me some horse manure or buffalo manure.'" She said there used to be buffalo manure all over yet. She said, "We'd go out there and bring her buffalo manure and she'd put it in there. That really gives off a good smoke," she said. And they used to put those bare hides around there. They'd put it up just like a little tipi, she said, and then they'd cover that and that smoke would just tan it. That's the way they tan them, she said. "That's how come I learned everything," she said. And after she grew up, she had to married this Chief War Bonnet. And then she said after she was married for so long, he was appointed to go to Washington. This Chief War Bonnet was appointed to go to Washington. And that's when he brought