

time before they started saving that, they'd take the bones and take a stick and force that marrow out and put it in jars and bottles. They didn't put it in bottles they were afraid they'd break, but they put it in tin cans. Oh, they'd have a can about so big and about that tall. Sometimes it would be pretty near full of marrow. When come wet weather or snow, they'd warm the shoes or moccasins up and they'd grab this marrow and smear it all over their shoes or moccasins up and they're moccasins--no snow or moisture goes through them. Go through the snow--walk all day and it never soak through.

(Could they use any marrow from any other animal besides deer?)

That's the best.

(Why is deer better then, say, cow?)

I don't know why, but they test it. They've experiences and tested it, and they say deer marrow is the best. And then white people use it up north--in Alaska.

MEN'S UNDERCLOTHING: BREECH CLOTHES AND BELTS:

(Another question about how they used to dress back then--did the men wear breechcloths?)

Oh yeah. I know, even, I wore one when I was in school. And a lot of us wouldn't take our belts off even though we'd discard our breechcloths and wear underclothes. We still would wear our belt. I know when we bathed, all us boys would be wearing our leather belts yet. And then the ole men wore them all through their life.

(Didn't some of the men used to wear them even after they started wearing trousers?)

They wear them yet! Older men wear them yet! I know my brother-in-law went to this nursing home and one of the menfolks that has charge--he's on the board of directors there and he's a good friend of mine--he dusts these wheat field, you know, rodent control--and he asked me, "Say," he says, "Why is it that your brother-in-law, Guy, has to wear that breechcloth?" I told him that was the Indian way. They got clear up in their years and they just hate to do without it. Yeah, they still wear them.

(What did they make it out of?)