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CECIL HORSE, KIOWA
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GENERAL SUBJECT:

THE MAKING AND USE OF BONE ARTIFACTS

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BONE ROPE SPREADER AND KIOWA HEADDRESS
DEER LEG BONE USED TO MAKE WHISTLES
HOW CRAFTSMEN SPLIT BONE WITH AID OF FIRE
ICE PICK TYPE TOOL USED AS HOLE PUNCH AND AWL
SAND GLUED TO BUCKSKIN USED TO POLISH BONE
CACTUS BERRIES USED TO MAKE GLUE
MORE ABOUT BURNING PROCESS ON BONE
PIPES MADE OF DEER LEG BONE
SINEW USED AS INSULATION ON PIPE TO PREVENT BURNS TO THE USER
PIPES WERE HELD AND SMOKED CERTAIN WAYS
BEFORE DOCTORING, MEDICINE MEN MUST TAKE A SMOKE AND PRAY
SILVERHORN, TODAY'S KEEPER OF THE TEN GRANDMOTHERS IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN PRAY FOR OTHERS IN THE OLD INDIAN CUSTOM
WARRIORS USED TO SMOKE PIPE FOR BLESSING BEFORE GOING ON WARPATH
PLEASURE SMOKING ALSO INDULGED IN BY THE INDIANS
HIDE SCRAPER MADE OF BONE AND STEEL
NEEDLES FOR SEWING RAWHIDE WERE MADE OF DEER BONE
ROCKS WERE USED TO WORK BONE BEFORE STEEL WAS AVAILABLE

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Cecil Horse was born in 1891 and is now living on his allotment twelve miles south of Carnegie. Cecil has been married to Jenny Haumpy over fifty years. He is one of the sons of Hunting Horse, a well-known Kiowa who died in the mid-1950's at the age of about 107 years. Cecil is fairly well educated. He attended the J.J. Methvin Institute and also Chilocco. He became active in the Methodist Church and has served as a minister for a number of Indian churches in this area. He has also had experiences with peyote religion. He is retired from active ministry now, but is very proud of his services in this respect. Cecil is reported to have opposed the Native American Church as a minister and his wife, Jenny, states, "We are not powwow people, though we both used to dance and go to powwows." Nevertheless, they attend celebrations such as the Gourd Dance at Carnegie around 4 July and other powwows and celebrations. Cecil is hard of hearing and Jenny assists, therefore, in both English and Kiowa.