

them baseballs--that's the way they sew this tipi.

(Have you ever seen them use a bone like this?)

Yeah, my mother--my mother, she was ninety four before she died and she used a lot of that stuff way back there. She made a rawhide tipi and they pawned it here over at Anadarko. It's still sitting up there.

(Is that right?)

They pawn it, you know.

NEEDLES FOR SEWING RAWHIDE WERE MADE OF DEER BONE

(Well, were those bone needles like that, will they go through rawhide?)

Huh?

(I mean would this bone needle go through rawhide?)

They mostly, they make them like a needle. Like that and then there's a hole here. Just like a needle and they put that sinew through there and when they push it in there--they push this way in that and have that sinew come out. Pull that sinew out and then they pull that needle out. And then they just keep a-working that way.

(Well, now would that bone needle, would that be strong enough to go through rawhide?)

Oh, yeah. They made it out of a deer. Somewhere, how they know it won't break and they use that for their needle.

(Is there any way that they fix that to make it hard?)

Put it in the fire sometimes. I seen my mother, said, "I'm going to make me a needle out of a bone." And she take--not on a stove but just out. She put lard or some grease and she heat that just so. So it won't break or bend.