

Back in the late 20's a large group of Otoe Indians from Red Rock, Oklahoma, came to my father's farm and made a large encampment there. Their purpose in coming and camping was their way of presenting hand-game sticks, a gift, that they presented to my father's sister, Nellie Barnes. Mrs. Jack Koshaway, an Otoe Indian the wife, Mary Koshaway, she's full-blood Otoe Indian, she presented these hand-game sticks to Mrs. Barnes. When she presented these sticks our Osage way, we so honor, we pay for these gifts, when such a thing is presented to a family, such as ours, why they had a way--they pay for this, they call it. So, the way they pay for this gift, this presentation of this handgame, they presented the Otoe people with beef, money blankets, those were the main gifts. Of course, there were a lot of other smaller gifts, but those were the main gifts that they paid. That was way of our Osage people. So, this was done and that is how the handgame sticks came into our family. And I think all other families they did about the same way, when the sticks were presented to their family they pay for them. And that's how we, Osages, received these sticks. We paid for them and that gave us the right to use them as we do today.

This is the story of the handgame as told to me by my aunt, Mrs.

Mary Morrell Russell.

THE DICE GAME IS ANOTHER POPULAR GAME

Another form of entertainment that they played was called the Dice game. The dice game is played and how it was played by the Osage people. The dice game as told to me by Mrs. Marie Maker, who is one of the original allottee members of the Osage Tribe. Mrs. Maker described the game when she saw it played about 65 years ago when