

The first one that made eleven points in this game won the cup of money. So, there was a form of gambling, but they enjoyed it so much. And when they would come back, they would continue their games. And in the wintertime when they would all go down to Texas, well they would have these dice games. And I remember my folks playing this game. And they had several games out to the farm. They'd invite, oh lot of people, all the Osages they like to play this game. And incidently, this game was originated, they tell me, by Osages.

This is strictly an Osage game, pastime, one of their favorites.

The dice game is an old game, and it's been handed down. People still play it today. Once in awhile you will hear of someone having a dice game. But it's not gambling form anymore, they just play it for amusement and fun. The Ponca Indians play it quite a bit today. The older ladies all gather around on the floor and they play this dice game. They enjoy it quite a bit. And they gather all their relatives and friends, they have a big time of it. They usually have big dice games on weekends. The actual game of dice is played with these bone dice. They put these dice in a wooden bowl, about seven inches in diameter. And they sit on the floor. They make a sort of soft cushion like. Well, I think, they put quilts down, and then they raise this bowl and they bounce it on this pillow like pallet, they call it. The game ends if the dice all turn up one color that is about, I think, ten points. And if two turn up and the rest are all different colors that's two points. They have a point system there. And then like if they have--laying--these dice happen to be little fishes, the two main dice, if they turn up one color, the same, and the rest of them are another color, why that--you win.