

(How old were you when you first started playing hand games?)

Oh, I was already married when I start. I used to not play. I used to just watch them. But one time Mrs. Lime, she was guessing and she lost, and she come and give me that (guessing stick). And I had to go and guess. And ever since then I like to play.

(When you were a little girl, did your folks play--your mother or--?)

They used to play but I didn't play. They used to play outside right over here--used to play against the Cheyennes. Nothing but women. They didn't have no--drum--they used to just sing.

(When they would just sing together, would they clap or anything like that?)

They used to--they had pegs--they used to--

(You mean tent pegs?)

Yeah.

(Oh. They just hit them together like that?)

Yeah.

(What about these "beans"--what did they use for the inside of those?)

Oh, they just put a little piece of--sew buckskin around them and then bead them.

(Were they beaded in solid color--?)

Yeah. Plain blue and some of them got plain red.

GETTING UP HAND GAMES TODAY

(You said the handgames today are different--could you tell more about how?)

Well, I don't know--they just don't seem like they used to be, in old time.

...when they lose, they just tack it on. And they don't even pray or anything like that. But the old people, they used to have to pray and ask for blessing before they play. The old Indians, I think, prayed more than anything else.

Everything--everything that done they used to pray. And then lot of these people went and say Indians don't know the Lord. But I think they did, because way back I heard my grandfolks pray. I heard my mother pray. They used to pray