

After...you know, when you first pick them...of course, some of them like they been laying outside on the ground, and they get dry. But when we get them, they usually kind of green. When we got out here in the timber, and pick them from the blackjack. We spread them out and let them dry. When it's time to take the hulls off, we get a hammer...them old people used to use stones, like that...and just hit them a little, let them crack a little...like you would pecans, and get the insides out, and throw the hulls away.

(Do you know what they used before they had cloth to strain the acorns through?)

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No, I don't know. They didn't have cloth. Now I don't know. I should have...I seen my aunt yesterday, she's at the clinic. She's diabetic. When I went over there, we got to talking about that morning star, that evening star. One of them told us it's got the same meaning of the morning star, it's the same one that appears in the west. Well, to be sure, I'm going to find out and go to the library. Well, and this man has said it has the same name. The evening star has the same name as the morning star. We always thought if it has another name, but he said his father...his stepfather...used to say it's the same. I said, oh, that makes sense. But same time I'm going to ask him, he might know, or else I can go to the library and look it up. Then, I'm going to write to David and tell him.

(What's the name of it?)

hose.yusida?a It's bringing something, I don't know what it is. Maybe it means, in the old time of way of bringing another day, or something. That's the way it sounds. It's bringing something. The thing that always brings. I tell you, I could just shake myself at the times...I had grandparents to learn all those words and the meaning of them. You know when I went to school, they punish me if I say yes or no in Wichita. Yes, they used to punish us if we talk Indian. So it was their fault that we had to get away from our Indian language, looks like.

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