

hanging on a--. They make their saddle out of a bone right back here in the cow. It's shaped funny--goes in the cow or buffalo right in the hip. It grows like that and then like that. They take that--it's bone. And then they take that and cover that with rawhide. And then they make their girths out of rawhide. And, of course, the bridle. They just use--they put a rope or something in the horses' mouth and tie it in the jaw, right here. That's what they turn them with, you know. They didn't have no fancy bridles like we got now--riding bridles. Mostly they didn't have no race horse saddle. They mostly rode bareback. They didn't use no saddle in the race horse like they do now.

ONLY SPECIFIC RIDERS WERE ALLOWED TO RIDE THE RACE HORSES

(Could just anybody ride the race horse or were there certain people?)

They have riders. They used to have a fellow, his name was Chicken. He's a small fellow, awful light and his name is K á.áno. He's a race horse man. He knows his stuff, that fellow.

(What was his name?)

Ka á.áno, K á.áno. His father was Gá'ontà. That's Gá'ontà's son, K á.áno.

(Gá'ontà was his son?)

K á.áno was Gá'ontà's son. K á.áno was the son and Gá'ontà was the father.

(Tell me some more about him. About K á.áno.)

When he rides a race horse, and if he wins, he gets another horse for riding that horse. Just like over there in Kentucky somewhere. They have them big derby horses--they got a rider. Nobody rides that horse except a certain man. Well, he was that kind--this race horse man. He hires him to ride for him. He was a small man.