

use to have buffalo hide tipis, but I never did see that, cause that's way back. I don't know that. That's where I am. The government furnished their canvas and so they make their tipis.

(Did you ever make a tipi yourself?)

No. My mother does.

(She did? Did you ever watch her?)

Yeah. I like tipi but I never did make any, because I don't know how.

(Did you ever watch your mother make it?)

Yeah, lots of times. They come and they hire her to go and make tipi.

They pay her.

(Oh they do?)

Yeah and she make them. But they got to help sew. They don't have no machines. Sew it with hand. Government furnished thread and needles, and scissors--everything. Because they don't know and they learn them. After when they learn, when childrens go to school, now they let go, and we help ourselves. Way back they teach us, and they give us everything. At January, they give us beds, blankets, and quilts, pillows, everything. The man folks they give them plows, and hoes, and axe, and hammers, and everything. They furnish them, for them. And after when they know, after 1901, they let them go. They see they help themselves, but they know it.

(When your mother was making a tipi, could you tell me how she did it and how long it took her to make it?)

I don't see her. She just still making tipis, that's all I know. I told you I don't pay no attention to that. I just like to run around.

(Well, do you know how much your mother was paid for making a tipi?)

I don't know what they pay her. I just don't know. I can't tell you that.

She wouldn't tell me.