

afford to have those kind of things made for her. They're cloth custom people--the Osages, Poncas, and Otoes and Pawnees and Sac and Fox, Shawnees--they're all cloth costume people. But they're switching now to buckskin. But we're fortunate. We get our deer hides and antelope hides from northern Arapahoes in Wyoming, and northern Cheyennes in Montana, and we got lot of friends out here in Taos. We get those hides from them. And in exchange we give them these red beads and moccasins and other things they like to wear in the same style as Arapaho. They copied a lot of our style, these Taos Pueblos. They wear long hair like we do.

(Do you know the names of any of those ladies that make dresses?)

Oh, yeah, I know several of them. This Edna Pedro, my niece, and her cousin, Doris Bumpmouth, and Ida, at Colony. And, let's see--who else? There's two or three Cheyenne women at Thomas and Weatherford and Clinton that makes them, but I don't know their names. I know their Indian names, but I don't know-- one of them women just lives in Apache. She does moccasin beadwork and other things for those Kiowas, and Apaches, and Comanches. She lives in Apache. She was married to a cousin of mine--a half Arapaho boy by the name of Amos Left Hand. And she--at the convention of the National Congress last--a year ago last November at that hotel in Oklahoma City--What's that hotel in Oklahoma City? You know, we had a convention a year ago last November (National Congress of American Indians). I met her in El Reno and I said, "Why ain't you down there selling moccasins?" "Where?" she said. "At National Congress--it's at some building--oh, east of the Bus Station--two blocks east of the Bus Station on the north side of the street. There's a big hotel--chain of hotels all over the United States. I can't think of the name. . . It's east of the Bus Station about two blocks and on the south side of the street. "I'm going down there," she said. "I got three or four pair." "Well," I said, "I'm going this afternoon. I come home to get my Indian things and we're gonna put on a dance at the Cowboy Hall of Fame. I got a bunch of Cheyenne and Arapaho girls to put on their dance clothes for this convention. We're gonna feed there, and there'll be lot of people there." She got down there and it wasn't no time till she sold every moccasin she had. Five pair. Not less than thirty-five dollars a pair. Indians from Oregon--Portland--and California and Montana and Wisconsin--wherever Indians were that wanted moccasins