

And through this buffalo, they used the hide for many purposes, such as moccasins, clothing, and housing. So, as we go along, Mrs. Osborne will also say a few things in regards to how they managed in the early days.

( MRS. OSBORNE) PREPARATION FOR PLANTING AND GROWING CORN AND CURING IT

We used to getting the preparations, I mean preparing the ground for, what I experienced .....(( is it on now?))

( When they ...(unin) for preparing the ground or actually planting the corn?)

Well, they, we got our ground ready and went out and planted our corn and they used a stick to put it in the ground about four inches, and they put four grains of corn in each hill that they came to, each hill they made .... that was the Indian way of planting corn. And they .....

( MR. OSBORNE) PRAYER BEFORE PLANTING - BELIEF IN GOD

Before they did that they always thought of the great spirit, the provider of life, and before they planted, they always prayed to the Almighty, in such a way that they might realize the food. And they always raise their hands towards the heavens, and offered a prayer before they planted the corn. And when they planted the corn, why, they prayed in such a way, that they might realize from this corn; grain of corn, food from it.

( Mom, did you actually see, I know I've heard you tell about how Grandma used to tell you that for each hill of corn that they planted they offered up a special prayer, and as a result of all this, they were blessed with good crops - would you tell a little about that ...)

( Mrs. Osborne) I was with my mother several times, and often when it would come time to plant and how she, as she worked, and planted her seed - why praying and talking to the Almighty. And I know she was blessed in that