

PROCEDURE OF USING FOOD - MEAT, SOUP AND CORN

--when they get all through while that meats cooling off. Lot of it.

Fat, dried meat. It dried about two weeks. And when they take the soup off all that. Well they got four bowls, wooden bowls. Those two fellows they come over there and they got a big wooden dipper. Just dip in there and fill them up. And they take two of them over there to the head man, and they give two of them to those two--firemen over there and they start and drink soup, they go around. Come to this other one, both sides.

(And they would meet?)

They meet and when they meet, when they going to exchange, well they tell them I want on this side, maybe it's on this side, they tell that fireman, (Pawnee word). We exchanged see. We exchanged that. Exchanged them dishes. Both sides.

(Well, I don't understand what you mean, Grant, when you say they finally dip that soup into these bowls, then these men each of them get a bowl and then these two head men also get a bowl. They take it to the two head doctors?)

Yeah. Take them with a spoon in there and they got one over there and they start it off.

Mrs. Osborne: The--starts too, they start going up they just pass it on to the next get enough of that soup and give to the other one and they meet, you know.

(Would they just eat that soup or put it in another container?)

Mrs. Osborne: We all eat from that same--

Yeah. All eat from that same wooden bowl about that big. Maybe some women folks over here got little children, they got little buckets and they want some of that soup you know. So maybe the old man get a bucket and put stuff in there and pass it back. And when they exchange they say (Pawnee word), exchanged then and then they go that again. The one this way goes down there and the one going this way goes back down there.