

The ages.

(Whose ages?)

Anybody that she--herself, and her children.

(You could keep ages of more than one person on it?)

Yeah.

(Did you ever see her putting those marks on it yourself?)

No.

(Do you remember what her scraper looked like?)

It's just a deer horn.

(Were there many marks on it?)

Yes. She used to tell us whose age she put down, and all who she had on it--that scraper. It's round like this, and there's just marks on it--all sides.

(How many people's ages was she keeping track of?)

I don't know--about four or five, I guess.

(Were there any people that were especially good at remembering things that happened in different years?)

Yes. They used to talk about them. But we were all too small to know anything--what they were talking about.

(Do you remember the names of any of those people that used to tell about the things that happened?)

No.

(Back when you were a young girl, were there any organizations that young girls belonged to? Like clubs or lodges?)

We were in school all the time. We didn't know nothing about them.

(Before they started going to school, did they have things like that for girls or women?)

I don't know what you mean.

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(I meant like some organization where women might get together and maybe do beadwork or make tipis or anything like that?)

Oh, yeah, they made tipis and things like that--beadwork. But we didn't bother them. We didn't go near them when they were working. They didn't want little kids to come around and play around.