

a big butcher knife on his belt.

(Would this be any particular time of year, like summer time or winter or fall?)

No. But most of those smoking times comes in the winter time. When they build a fire. But they have them in the summer time, too. And some times they have social times--they have hand games. Indian hand games. Of course, women have their own, too. Women have needle games. (Awl game or women's stick game, possibly--jj).

(Well, when they were seated there in the tipi, would they be sitting on anything?)

Yes. They have heavy grass--stem grass (bluestem)--tall, grass. Sometimes they put leaves under there. Little bushes, and then put that grass on top. Sometimes sage--and it's just like a spring--it's soft. Twigs (?) crossed over, and then this grass, and then they put this wild sages down sometime--white sages. It's long--about that long. They lay it clear around, and then a second layer. And they roll those big long-stem grass--they're just about--some of them are as long as this table--four feet long--they get a roll that big and then they put two together like that, and then they have a cord around it, and it's just round--about five inches round. And they put it in there in front of the tipi like that. And then they put little stobs to hold them back. And that coil looks like a wall baseboard.

(That coil is made out of that long grass? Is that the kind that--?)

It's just like a baseboard--to hold the grass back. You can't push it in when you're finished.

(And they take two strand of that grass and wrap it around that coil.

Let's see--that coil's about--six or seven inches around--)

That grass is that big around. They just make it round and put the cord around that. They can even wrap it with rawhide or canvas cords.

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