

that, I guess, and then they cut out a cowhide sole. And they put this leather on, top and sew it. They make moccasin and shoes together.

(You mean they just cut this part off the shoe here?)

Yeah, they cut this part (sole and heel) off and keep this part (upper) and put it back on a sole. They throw this one (sole) away, the one that got heel on. They don't like it.

(I don't blame them. Did any of the Indian women ever get any shoes with high heels?)

Well, I guess they did because the government issued them. Issued the Indians. They supposed to have them. And some of them like it, I guess. I seen some of them wearing it. 'Course I didn't have sense enough to--you know when you're small you don't got sense enough to watch everthing. That's way I was, but some places I kinda remember.

(You mentioned a while ago about men getting boots. What kind of boots were they?)

Oh, it's boots, but it's not really good like this. It's just plain black boots.

It's got yellow--some kind of a--silver, I think--or yellow--at the nose like that, on both sides. And the heel was flat and black like this. Comes way up that way.

(Did the men like those boots?)

Yeah, they wear them. They like them.

(You know I heard that when the bottom wore out of those boots they used to take the tops and make things out of them.)

Yeah, that's the way they do. When the shoes wear our, they just cut it 'round. Cut it 'round here and they use this one for-- Sometime they put buckskin through here.

They got moccasin or shoes. Well they just slip this on and tie that buckskin.

Just to keep their legs warm. (Adapt tops for use as leggings)

(Did they ever use the top part for anything else?)

Yeah. They just use it for-- They just understand how to fix things. Sometimes they make a sack out of it and keep their knives in there--butcher knife and stuff.