

them on without help from others that really know. And that's what I tell my children. I know that in the future, even though they can participate in them, as far as carrying them on themselves, they would be unable to do so, because they know so little. And I can't teach them because I don't know.

THOUGHT IS GIVEN TO TEACHING AND KEEPING INDIAN TRADITIONS

(How do you think we should go about in keeping our customs and traditions? Just how do you think we should go about teaching them? Do you think that we should teach them how to make their own costumes and do you think that we should teach the younger ones how to speak the Indian language? And do you think that we should do these things or do you know of any other way we could help teach them these things?)

I don't know. I have often wondered myself how this could be done. I notice, take for instance the Cherokees, their smallest children speak Cherokee before they speak English, even now. And most of them go to school, they don't know English. And that's - I think that's when I first realized what a difference there was. Especially in our people, because my mother-in-law spoke Indian very seldom at home even though she could speak fluently, but she being married to another tribe of Indian, his language was spoken more in the home than Osage was. And my children, at a young age, picked up his language quicker than they picked up Osage. And I think that's the way that they pick it up - just like they pick up English; it's what you speak and what you teach them. I also think that if there was somebody who was willing to teach Osage to even people my age, then we would begin - we would have to begin to speak it all over again so that they could teach their children. Just like, well I guess like the Cherokees do. They speak, that's all they speak in their homes and naturally their children speak Cherokee.