

(I think that the Osage language is really the only thing that is actually being lost is our language. And I have heard different people say that we should have classes teaching our language. Do you think this would help very much?)

Yes, I think that this would be a great help. And I would certainly encourage this to be done.

(There are so few Osages - full-blood Osages left today, older ones, and they are the only ones who speak the language daily like they, well the older ones. And the younger ones, the younger Indians, women mostly, they speak very little Osage and I don't know how we would get the older ones to teach the younger ones. That has been brought up with certain clubs, I know, and they want to have classes. Would you attend one of these classes, yourself?)

Yes, I would be very glad to attend class of that type and also have my children attend.

LEARNED TO MAKE OSAGE RIBBON WORK

(Beside the language, I understand that you know how to make - sew ribbon work that Osages use on their costumes. Where did you learn this type of sewing?)

I learned this type of sewing by having seen it on clothes, costumes, and my husband had a costume and I did some sewing on his. Learned from older patterns, and also his aunt is well schooled in all Indian crafts and - well she's just full-blood Indian, you would say, 100 percent in every way. And she is able to - to do and be all of these things, having lived it all her life. And being around her, I have acquired a number of things: sewing these ribbon works and helping her in yarn - the yarn work that Osages use. She showed me a pattern and since then I've worked with it and have learned to do other patterns by just messing with the yarn, trying other things.