

# BUCKSKIN PINTO WOMAN—Young Blackfeet Indian Matron

Calf Tail, the venerated old one, recalling a deed from his long-past war-path days when he captured a buckskin pony from the Crow tribe, took the girl child, newly born to his good friends Bull Child and Gypsy Little Leaf and spoke: "She shall be Buckskin Pinto Woman (Otax-Kiu-Kixtsipimake). And if she dies, call her by that name in mourning." Then, for good luck, the old warrior daubed yellow earth paint on her brow and gave her a single bead to be worn on a bracelet.

And his squaw, who was a sacred woman, took the infant in her arms and prayed to the Great Spirit for its long life and well being.

Buckskin Pinto Woman, or to use her modern name, Cora Arkinson, was born 28 years ago during the summer season at Glacier National Park in the Montana Rockies while Bull Child, her father, helped provide entertainment for Park visitors and hotel guests.

Cora has since grown to womanhood, following the old full-blood Blackfeet traditions. She takes part in tribal dances and is particularly gifted in the art of native beadwork. She studies the Bible and is known throughout the res-

ervation for her friendliness and generosity.

Recently widowed, she is the mother of four children — two boys and two girls.

In one of the last portraits executed by the late distinguished artist Winold Reiss before the illness that led to his death in 1953, Cora appears in authentic Blackfeet costume.

Mr. Reiss' Blackfeet Indian portraits, most of them done in pastels, have appeared on Great Northern Railway art calendars since 1932. The Indians of the Northwest were his favorite subjects for research, and the many portraits which he made of the Blackfeet constitute a veritable saga of the tribe.

The Blackfeet Indian Reservation adjoins Glacier National Park in the Montana Rockies, the nation's third largest and most spectacularly beautiful and only U. S. National Park on the main line of a transcontinental railway. A million-acre vacation wonderland of rugged mountains, deep green valleys, jade lakes, tumbling streams, roaring waterfalls and glittering glaciers, Glacier is the mecca for thousands of visitors annually.

Glacier National Park is served daily by Great Northern's streamlined Western Star during the summer vacation season, June 15 through September 10. During this period, costumed Indians are on hand at Glacier Park Station, eastern rail entrance to the Park, to greet and entertain visitors.

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*A portfolio containing twenty-four full color reproductions of Winold Reiss' famous Blackfeet Indian portraits together with an authentic history of the tribe by Frank J. Linderman, is available from the St. Paul Book and Stationery Company, Saint Paul 1, Minnesota, and at leading book stores and book departments in retail stores in many cities.*