

a certain way they have them in there. And they take their medicines in there--Indian medicines. You couldn't believe this, but they got spirits that talk in there. I didn't believe it. I'm one guy that's hard to make believe anything. But I experienced it myself. I don't know how to explain it. (Was that recently?)

Yeah. I go up there all the time. I used to go up there pretty near every month. There's something going on up there all the time up there. They let me know and I go up there. Sit in on everything I knew about.

PREPARATIONS AND EXPENSES FOR SUN DANCE

(You know you were talking about when you were back up there in June, they were practicing on these songs--how far back does the preparation go? I mean, how long does it take them to prepare for this Sun Dance?)

When they start--when they first make that vow. Like that boy, he was going overseas. When he first started going overseas...when he gets out of the service, then he's gonna put up that Sun Dance. From that day they start preparing. They got to do certain ceremonies--do all of that by the time he gets out of the service...items--shawls, blankets, dress goods--whatever they're gonna use in that ceremony. Some man's got paints, and some man's got sinew, and this man's got eagle plume. It's got to be certain kind of eagle plume that they use. And they look for sage. These long sage brushes. They spot it here and there. And they look for them slough grass that they use in there--them water reeds, you know (cat-tails). They use them in there, and they spot them. Everything that's being prepared for that Sun Dance. And they go out and get game meat, what they're gonna use, gonna cook. And put so much money aside all the time till the Sun Dance is,