

(Willow?)

No, it's a plant. It grows so high. And it's kind a thin looking. It has little old pods, that when you touch it bursts open. It has little yellow flowers on it. I knew the name of that. But I can't think of it.

(I can't think of it, either.)

The stem of the plant is almost crystal. And it has little bitty yellow flowers on it in the spring. And then all under those flowers there are little pods. Some of them be about an inch long. And some of them smaller. (Words not clear) inch long. When you touch it, well, it bursts open. And that's good for this, heat rash. And it's good for this poison ivy. I don't know the name of it. But I can't think what it was.

(That's a good description of it, though. If I run across it.)

Yeah, there's some over here by--you know, as you go out of town.

(Yeah.)

Towards Stilwell. Down there where, well, jsut before you get to the Illinois River. On this side. There's some on--

MANY MEDICINE PLANTS GROW ALONG ILLINOIS RIVER

(In that area there's supposed to be every kind of plant that you can find almost in the United States.)

Well,

(So, I'm sure that most Indians go down there for their medicine in the fall, I imagine. I was going to ask you, too. Have you ever heard anything about willow being a medicine? A weeping willow.)

No, I never have.

(Or even that little willow that grows by the creek. Well, it's,

(word not clear) bush, they make baskets out of that, now, though, don't they?)

Yeah. They make baskets out of it. The ash, the limbs of the ash,