

You take it. Take that first cloth you used, and put--kind of make a little sack, you know. And put that navel in there. And then take a diamond-shaped buckskin. You put it in there and bead it. And you keep it. That's the way they always do. They don't throw them away. But white people, they burn it up! Yeah, they just take them and burn them up.

(Then what about the afterbirth--what do they do with it?)

Well, you get a cloth, like canvas, and wrap it up good and tie it up good. And straight east, as far as you could go, if you see a tree with a fork in it, you put it up there. That's the way.

(Is there any reason for that?)

Oh, they say if you throw it away they don't live for long. You have to go put it up high somewhere. That's their belief so the child would grow good. That's the belief they have.

(And is there any reason they keep the navel in the little diamond-shaped sack?)

Oh, they keep them. If they lost their navel, they're the ones that searches all over. They used to say, "She's looking for her navel!"

EAR PIERCING

(In the old days did they used to pierce their ears when they were little babies?)

Yeah. Soon as they're a day old they used to pierce their ears. No blood used to come and they used to put earrings on them right now.

(Who would do the piercing, usually?)

Somebody that knows how to do it, you know--a woman or a man.

These (her own) were pierced when I was just a day old. They never did close. I guess my uncle pierced my ears--Red Man.

I guess he said, "She's got a cute face. I want to pierce her ears." I guess my grandma said, "Wait," and he went and pierce them and put earrings on me. I used to wear earrings, but since the death of--Hannibal I quit wearing them.

ARAPAHO NAMES OF OTHER TRIBES

(One time I was asking you the names of other tribes and I didn't