

PLANT USED AS MEDICINE ON HAIR

(Bittle: Do you remember what kind of leaves?)

Some of them had leaves something like this rose. That's all I can remember. Some of them thought it was what we call "horse mint", and some thought--my mother used to use one medicine that I think is the true weed--and it grows out at our home place south of Geary. They call it "lays-down weed." It gets about that tall and it's got leaves just like I'm telling you. And as it grows, the leaves eventually turn purplish, like. And when they ripen--those tops get ripe--then they start to blow off. Then these bunch of weeds lays down in every direction. They just lay down like that. They call them haeniiyeishisei i -- that's the only kind of weeds I use for my hair. We can go out and see that weeds now--any time you want to. That means "laying down." They lay around or lay down. They lay down when they get ripe. They get that way long about the latter part of August.

(Does this have a pod on it like a milkweed?)

The leaves is something like roses--about that big. And they turn purplish.

(Is there a flower on it?)

Just a little old bud like that horseweed. Just a little-old pod-thing like that. I think it does get a little white flower or something like that. I'll go out there and show you sometime. On our homeplace is the only place I know where it grows. We'd go about a quarter of a mile from the road and we go across the ridge and it's up at the house--east side. In August it starts to make a circle and lay down. My daughter and her daughter, one time, she had good hair. That's the only two experiences I had in Indian medicine--Indian doctoring.

DOCTORING SOCIETIES OR CLANS

(Well, this "Deafy", when he doctored, did he doctor any particular kinds of sicknesses or anything?)

He doctored most any kind of sickness--pneumonia, fever, stomach troubles. He had a clan that gathered there annually to replenish their supply of herbs and go through ceremonies. They fasted.