

forked. Retreat from an army--, I mean, from a fight. You see, withdraw-- retreat. But the reason is cut off--this way. Cut off. Quit. That's the new sign language. "Yeah," he says, "I like turtle, yet." "Yeah," I said, "I know you didn't quit Indian life!"

SNAKE DOCTORS

(This is a little bit off the subject, but when he was a snake doctor, what did he use to doctor snake bites?)

Well, they have certain herbs. They have certain herbs and they have a red paint, that as far as I was able to detect when I was a boy--there used to be a man over here, northeast of here about seven miles. His name was Black Bear. He was a snake doctor. Snake cure. He had an herb mixed with red paint. And if a person got bit on the leg, ankle, all he had to do is take that red paint with that herb and he'd paint a line across that, so that point wouldn't come on any further than below the knee. The rest of it would swell down there, and not above. That's what I saw as a proof. The same way on your fingers. If you got bit on your fingers with these little spreading adders that are poisonous--all you have to do is put that red paint across your wrist. Swelling didn't come any further. This was to keep it from coming up to your heart. How that happened, I don't know. Should have been a continuous blood--continuous blood circulation, to my way of thinking.

(Do you know what kind of herb he used?)

I don't know. I don't know what they were. Those are all secrets of those Indian doctors.

(Do you know if they got them around here?)

Where they got them I don't know. That part I don't know. My father and my mother, they were never trained Indian doctors--herb doctors. They never--they never resort to those things. In fact, we never had any case like that in our family.

FASTING & SACRIFICE BY YOUNG MEN

(Well, going back to this sacrifice--you know when the young man would go out and