REFUSAL OF LOCAL HOSPITALS TO ACCEPT INDIAN EMERGENCY CASES

Jess: Right.

Bob: If it's an emergency, they tole me to load them up and bring them in. Now one night here late at night--the night man called me and said, "I've got an Indian boy here and he's been in a fight and he's all cut up and beaten pretty bad." I said, "Well, why don't you get him to the hospital." And he said, "Well, they won't take him. They won't take him in the ambulance unless he's got an order from the County Commissioner." I said, "Well, call the county commissioner and if you can't get him to o.k. it, call me back in a few minutes." Well, finally he got the boy down there and he'd already passed out, he'd lost so much blood. It was Eli Yelloweagle. Got him down there and he'd already passed out, he'd lost so much blood. And they just fooled around and--this Rabbit kid here laid up there when he was shot--he laid up there on the ground after they shot him until they went and got the City Marshal and fooled around there thirty minutes before they even got an ambulance up there. They wanted to know who was going to pay them and so on. The boy might--he probably would have died anyway, but there wasn't any use of just letting him die right there.

BIRTH CONTROL PILLS

(I should say. What about birth control pills? Are these ever dispensed to any of the young girls?)

Bob: Now that's--what do you call it?--top secret. I don't know why more of them don't get pregnant than they do. I just don't know. But I know that these married ones, they have this diaphragm of some kind--they use--they've got these centers they've got located--the Economic Development. They have some kind of contract with these doctors that women that requested them can get one of those. And I think that the pills are available, but I just couldn't really say how many of them get them. But I'm doubting that these teenagers are getting them. But I did hear about this little girl I told you about a while ago. She made a remark to the matron at Concho that her mother had been giving her those pills since she was twelve years old.