

SPEAKING ABOUT A PLANT WHICH IS SIMILAR TO TOBACCO

They didn't have something else mixed in there but I kept it. I put it in a little bag and put it up. And then I went to Kansas--I got a--oh, he's some distant relative of mine, his name's Bill Evans--Minnie Evan's husband. He's about ninety years old, and he gave me some. I use that whenever--but it burnt up. Next time I go to Kansas I'll get some. They raise it.

(What kind is it?)

Well it just looks like leaves ground up--what it looks like. But it's kind of green. And oh, it's strong. And I know they put it in a peace pipe.

They smoke it. The pipe's about that long. And they put some of that tobacco in that fire. It burns, smoke. Now Lum told me about that. And Jenny did too. When I get my house down there I'm going to get some of that tobacco somewhere. Well that is down Shawnee or in Kansas. I imagine those Kickapoos have got it down there.

FOOD AND COOKING

(Are the Kickapoos and Potawatomis's are they kind of closely related?)

Yeah, they're always close together. And the Kickapoos have lost their Kickapoo language. They talk Potawatomie.

(Oh really!)

Uh-huh. Wherever I'm at I'm going to get some and use it. Madeline was married to a man that belonged to this drum. And he told Madeline it don't need to be no peoples there. He said, "You just do it by yourself." "Cook up something that they liked." And he said put it in a burning fire. Jenny sure liked hominy. Jenny sure liked this the Indians cooked hominy. So, I'll cook some of that. And there was lots of things she liked before she got sick. She really did. I tell you something she really liked. She just eat it once in a while, that was beef kidneys. She put them on the stove and put them in oil--just turn and turn and turn. They taste kind of peculiar then again.