

ALCOHOLISM AMONG THE INDIANS IS A PROBLEM

(Well, do you think the alcoholism has a lot to do with it?)

Oh, yes, there's a lot of it. That's where most of the broken homes come from. 'Cause about all you might say is that the majority of the Indians, the white people always had something against the Indians cause they more alcoholic than anything else. Indians drank too much. And lots of Indians couldn't get a job on account of that. Because the white people heard that they didn't do anything but drink.

(Well, then it hurts a lot of the people that aren't alcoholic, who like to work?)

Yeah.

(That is a problem within your tribe--or just the Indian people?)

Not only one tribe, but of all tribes. You find that all tribes, I don't care where you go what tribe, you find them that way. But you take the state of Arizona and the Indians out there couldn't buy whiskey. And nearly everyone of them on the reservation did drink. But there wasn't no use to try to stop them drinking because they were going to get it some way, somehow.

(Well, do you think perhaps that education about alcohol, or classes that are in the community have failed or slides or shows what it does to people and how it destroys the personality and the character of the person, do you think that would help?)

No, I don't think so.

(You don't think it would?)

No, I think that the white people says that it intended for Indians to drink, I guess.

(I don't believe that.)

I don't either. Oh, there's lots of ways for you to overcome this deal of alcoholics. And there's just by using a little common sense.