

that. He said different ones would take up what they wanted to know about these herbs. You know, different kinds of herbs and just anything they wanted to study. Just like the white people does.

CEREMONY PERFORMED IN USE OF MEDICINE AND HERBS

( Study what kind of medicines they could use?)

Un-hunh. They study the herbs. And then, some of 'em wants to study about the wild animals. And some of 'em wants to take up witchcraft. He said that was no good. And he said they'd sing songs. The head men would sing songs and he'd use gourd. And he'd shake that gourd and they all sing songs. And when they - one of them- gets enough of that mescal bean, why, he'd get on top of the coals. They'd spread the coals out and he'd dance on top of them coals. He wouldn't even get burned

( His barefeet?)

Un Hunh. Barefeet. And they didn't - 'course they didn't have no clothes on. They just wear their - what-cha-call it. I don't know what you call it - apron or breechcloth. They wore that. Then they use these gourds. And they sang in there.

( This is very interesting. This is - they really had kind of a class where they studied different medicines and herbs, didn't they?)

Yes.

( Learn how to use animals and study about them?)

un-Hunh. They didn't allow no young girls to do the cooking. They get older women to do the cooking. They'd elect four women that's older and they the ones that did all the cooking, because they use this mescal and they studying some of the medicine. And he said there'd be a man, he'd put on a some kind of a black cloth, kinda thin cloth that he could see through.