

Yeah, it was after the ordeal was over. That is this ceremonial part of it--medicine and scratching--after that why we were dismissed like to go to take a dip swimming in the water or wash off like that and come back, it was all over. You could eat sometimes it was all morning before you could eat. I mean, because you have to take this medicine first and fast and go through with this before you could eat. Sometime it lasted till two or three o'clock in the afternoon depending on how many people were taking part and taking that much time.

(What is this about you said clan while ago, about this like I'm Quassarte and you're . . . ?)

That's a township.

(Township, is that what they call it?)

Place where they settled.

(And you're--what are you called?)

Tulsee, Tulsee.

(And didn't you say you was a chief of the stomp dance one time?)

Yes, I was during the time uncle was the chief of the, that group, and he wanted me to sit with him as an assistant. Sometime he turned the ring over to me and I ran the thing, sometimes just like he did himself. I got to learn--I learned how to do that. I had men under me when you're chief there you're the boss. You tell them what to do and they do it and so I sort of enjoyed doing that you know when I was a young boy. I think I might have been the youngest Mekko like that serving like that those days. That was a long time ago, and since its not a church way I--it was easy for me to learn because its something else, but in church you know its kinda hard for me to be just perfectly like that. That other way was just enjoyment of life, something like that, so it was easy for me to learn and to execute the office.

(Did you work when you was a young boy?)

Well as far as helping around the house and in the meadow when they'd cut