down the line, that we never tried to, you know, keep or carry on because we

didn't hear the good meanings that was within these medicine bags--the story.

I, unfortunately--we are one of the only families I would say in my Ponca

Tribe that we have our medicine bag with us yet. We still retain our medicine

bag. And we believe in this way, that the people that had this before us--

our forefathers that had kept this, was for the purpose of keeping you know,

togetherness. And the--the meaning within it has been forwarded to us--to us

childrens. And we have--we have these respects within it. And that is what

we live by today is the respects within this bag here. And I think that is

one of the things that we had mis-thought in our--letting the one you know, take

these with them. And I think that if we had kept more of them and then lived

you know, within them, and then go along with them, and then with this modern

way of life, it would be more meaningful. Because it's probably because of that

that we--I personally, know, I try to get along with everybody you know. It's

through this. Because that's the way this story of our forefathers told us.

To get along with everybody; be friend to everybody; yeah, be good to every-

body and that way people are going to think a lot more of you that way and

they'll think more of your people, your childrens. Now these things are

within that--the stories that was related within that, you know, such as we

have there you know, we call it medicine bag.

PIPE DANCE RETAINED

And then we still have out--there's means of Pipe Dance that they have.

That's one of the most sacred dances that there is amongst our Ponca people

too. My grandfather, Little Snakes, he belong to that, and we still have that

you know. We retain that as a family. And we think of the same things within

it--the laws within it you know like my father always say that he study this

Bible, and he went to Bible School and he says that everything that's in the

Bible is identical to this real Indian meaning--said it's identical. This