

these illness. And I have been told by some of the dancers, that if they was laughted or made fun at--if anyone saw it and laughed and made fun of the thing, this disease would be transferred to the person, that was making mockery of it. It was a very serious dance and they were very serious in heart when they did this particular healings. And their costume here was, I believe it's still carried on in Canada, but as far in Oklahoma here, it has sort of died away. We don't partake of that dance anymore.

SHUCK FACE DANCE

(What about the Shuck Face?)

Now the Shuck Face Dance was also another type of a clan. They used another type of a medicine. I did see 'em make the Shuck Face. I have some remembrance of how the Shuck Face was made, but I never got to attend any of their dances--my father never take me to any of the Shuck Face dances and I never got to see their ceremony too much. But I do know that they had runners. And for everyone of the Shuck Face clan--for instance here in Oklahoma, the Seneca had a Shuck Face and the Shawnees partake a lot with the Senecas in this particular dance. They would send runners out. Sometimes it would be a Shawnee man, but you didn't know who he was until you were told who he was and he'd come running through. These men would run high as maybe fifteen, twenty, twenty five miles. Each runner would carry this message to the next one. And whenever they was called upon that they has having a dance or a Shuck Face ceremony, the man that was plowing or doing the chores or whatever they were doing--the men that belonged to this organization, would drop the things that they were doing immediately, and go get their shuck faces and they would be off to this--to this meeting. And that's about all I can tell on this part. But I would see 'em go off. I did hear a few of them talking. Most of them in the clan didn't talk too much. They were sort of kinda a