

to get up and he fell back down. They sang several days. They doctor him several days. I left. I didn't stay but one day, then I went back. But he didn't exactly get well, but he was made stronger and better, so he lasted a long time. The medicine men that was there doctoring was Haumpy, Conklin Humming Bird, Tenehaddle (t'enehædl), hŭ.m.po -- let's see--who else was it? I thought there was five of them. Seems to me there was five--(pause) There was five and some younger men that they was transferring the medicine power to, which happened on the south side.

(Does anybody do that any more?)

I think they all quit. They all died out. Jenny's father was one of the last ones (Jenny Horse)--Cecil Horse's wife's father. He's Haumpy.

(Whatever happened to their things? Did they have a bag or something like that they keep their equipment in?)

BEAVER SCENT AS PART OF CEREMONIAL PARAPHERNALIA

They do. All of them. And every one of them has a dried-up buffalo tail, padded, and ornamented, and they had beaver odor sprinkled in it and other Indian odors, and when they open up the bag it's worse than French cologne! It fills the whole air. And the minute you go into that tipi and they're shaking their medicine and it's funny--

(Is that odor anything like skunk odor?)

Well, I had my eyes full watching that man standing there--the medicine man and that's what he was carrying. But they have other things.

(I meant, was the smell--the odor--anything like the odor of a skunk?)

Well, the odor they get from the beaver is kind of sacred. And it's hard to get. I think it's the gall of the beaver. Beaver gall. It's in a little bag about that big around. (2" in diameter) When these Buffalo Men--you give that odor or gall or buffalo tail--they give you a present. And I was up at Canton when they had a Sun Dance up there--Cheyennes and Arapahoes--and