

bite or wasp sting or bee sting or anything like that?)

You know--I never did know what they did for them. I don't know. Just where I know I tell you, but I don't know and I just can't guess. I never hear about that. But--a centipede went and bit me and there was a man by the name of Deafy. He was a medicine man. He sucked it out. He sucked it. And maybe that's the way they used to do. With insect bites. Because when that centipede bit me, he sucked it. I happened to be at their home. I was playing with their daughter. He just sucked it and it didn't bother me.

(How old were you at that time?)

I was about fifteen or sixteen. They lived on this side of the church--that old house down that way--when we come from the church, or when we go from town--there's a house over here and then a little bit further when we go over the hill there's an old house there. That's where he used to live. Yeah, just north of that Indian cemetery by that Mennonite church south of town. Way down towards the river. It's all made like it's just a barn, but that was his house. He sold it I guess.

(It a centipede bite painful?)

No, it's not painful. You know I felt something. Well, as long as it was in my clothes it didn't bother me. Until I went that way--then I felt where it sting me. And I jerked my arm out and it was a centipede. It was about that long--not too big. And then this man said, "Come here." I went over there and he sucked it. I never did feel it any more. But they say they're poison. He got all that poison out, I guess.

(Were there ever any scorpions around here?)

Oh, yes, there's scorpions, but I never did hear of anybody get stung with them.

(What about snake bite--did you ever know anybody that got snakebit?)

Well, let me tell you--not long ago over here--about twenty-five years, I guess--there was an old lady. Her name was Mrs. Bull Tongue. And you know that south of the church? That Mennonite Church? They had a home there south. It's burned up. And I guess she was crossing a fence. She hold the fence and