

I know. I've been chewing on this one and it's really good.

(Oh, wonderful. Well, what I was going to ask you is if you knew what plant went into that medicine?)

That one, I never did care to ask him which I ought to. I don't know why. But my brother might know something about it because he's been so close to him and he care for him because he's a man. But for myself, I never did bother to ask him what kind of weeds. I ought to ask him but I didn't do it.

CECIL'S MOTHER PRACTICED MIDWIFERY IN THE TRIBE

(Cecil: Let me tell you about my mother. She's the only woman-- about, four or } five of them, maybe six among the tribe--that take a child from you when you're going to have a baby. And how she does it, now I'm not supposed to go in there when they have a--be impossible for a man to go in there, but she waits on them and what they call them--she take a baby like a doctor would take a baby. She take it. And after she gets all of it cleaned up and everything, then she give you the medicine to run all that blood out. It's just a funny thing--before she died, I says, "Mama," I said, "mama how many babies have you took among the tribe." She said, "Ninety-nine. I just lacking one more making it one hundred." And some of the girls and boys that she took are still living. They're grown persons now. Well, that's on the Indian side. That's what she used to do, my mother. And her father was a doctor. My mother was a-waitng on woman having baby.)

(Do you know what medicines she used to give?)

(Cecil: I know one medicine that she use. She use cedar. She use cedar. She take that and boil it and let them take it. And it softened that pain. And they gamble. Did she tell you about the