

Had a big abscess, a rising, they call it a boil then. Now you know I was telling you 'bout this medicine the Indians use. Now that broom weed, they just beat that and make a poultice and they put that on boils and things. Did you ever find any of that?

(No)

Oh, used to, this state was covered up with it. Now they made a medicine they drank. Then, they beat it up and made a poultice out of it, and my daddy- lot o' times I've seen him wrap it 'round horses's sore leg. You know wrap rag round it. And these- this old - I don't know, you know, botany name for it, I guess - puts around that. Anyway, I don't know that kind of a name for it, but common name for it was Balmennie.

(Balmontie?)

No. Balmennie is the way I - maybe I don't pronounce it right. But it has a real pretty little bell shaped flower and the leaves are real dark green and slick as glass and burnnnn- mankind. You gather leaves and you can make tea out of it when it is dry. See. And drink that and you can camp out. ((Laughter)) I had a weak stomach when I was a kid. See. Or up until I was about 25 years old, and I couldn't keep it down. Now I tell you another thing, I never knew what marijuana was when I was a kid. You know, as for as dope and stuff like that, I never heard it called that. We went Texas one time and we met a bunch of Mexican people and we'z all pickin' cotton and these Mexican people, some of 'em got the pneumonia; the older folks did. And they went out and this marijuana grew wild - picked some of that and they made a tea out of it and they drank it. And that's what cured the pneumonia too. And I know they told my mamma to use it. And I always had a cough from this dust and they thought I had T.B. or something and they tried to get my mother to give me that. 'course she knew what it was, you know. She knew that it was dope.