

(Did they drink whiskey or anything?)

No, whiskey wasn't known. Whiskey wasn't known in them days. They don't drink.

(What about after they moved here and there were traders and when the country opened up, did they ever drink much then?)

Well, after the Mexican traders and whites come in among them and brought whiskey and them--they do drink and get drunk. But they don't do that in the Forty-Nine, that's going on expedition. They have what we call a "spook party," like a stag party, men go in tipis and all tell old time stories and drink and drink. And that's when they have drinking, like a stag party. Not hardly any women take part, mostly men. But they kept on, down to this new generation, and some of this new generation, they introduced whiskey into the Forty-Nine. And now, a lot of them began to use it, and it spoils the Forty-Nine Dance. Sometimes so many of them drunk that the drummers just quit and then they break up the Forty-Nine because they don't want no trouble. Therefore, they don't hardly allow any drinking in the Forty-Nine. But they do come in drinking and they do drink. And some of them get pretty bad, and they take them out and they can't control them or do anything with them, and they just quit and break it up. Everybody is disappointed and some of them get after the drunkards. And they have to quit--no more--take the drum and put it up with a knife. They don't use it no more.

(Well, back in the days when you were a policeman, did you ever have any occasion to investigate any troubles that came out of drinking?)

No. We had been around them, but them days, not too many drink