

them give a horse to that man that they're going to study from. A horse and maybe a saddle, and maybe blankets. Something like that. That's what I know that's happened. Or maybe some of those doctors cured his sister or boy or daughter or mother and because of that they say, "I'm going to join them good people." So those are the reasons why some of them join.

(Have you ever heard whether some of these elders that know how to doctor--would he ever choose any young man or woman to teach?)

No, I never heard of that.

(How would a woman learn? Is there anything different for a woman?)

No. No difference. Just positive desire--takes interest--that prompts them to become adhering to those doctor ways.

(Is there any restrictions about the age when they begin to learn?)

No. No restrictions on that, no. I've seen some half-breeds and some three-quarter whites become doctors. Yeah.

(Can they be pretty good at it?)

Oh, yeah. I've seen some good services that they've done.

(Would the Indians go to them just as quick--?)

Yeah, just as quick as they would to a full-blood.

(Is there any kind of doctoring that a woman might be better at than a man--where she might have the preference or something?)

Well, it all depends. Mostly the women--nursing mothers or infants--women are good at that. I know there's several good Indian doctors and midwives and all those that's done pretty good. Dependable, and they know what they doing.

(Do men ever doctor sicknesses like that?)

Not very--not to the extent that they practice that any more than