

wearing that. Bob Koomsa. That's Bill Koomsa's dad. He's my cousin. He had that and wore that. He got it--he's part Arapaho and naturally he got it from the Arapahoes. It's just a braid, the same as those beans--quivir (bandolier)--you know. They go with this yellow and red and blues, and it was green, of course, and that was a good combination--three colors.

(Did the braid of grass have any beans on it?)

No, it was just braided grass.

(What's the Arapaho name for that sweetgrass?)

ni'w xúu . There's some women that are named ni'w xhisei--that means "sweet grass woman." -hisei is "woman" in Arapaho. I know one woman at Colony, who's dead now, but she's got a grandson or daughter, her name was ni'w xhisei -- Sweetgrass Woman.

(Does this grow around here?)

INDIAN LEAF PERFUME

My old folks used to tell me it grew around here before the country was opened, along some creeks. With our "leaf sweet perfume," we called it. Indian perfume. As near as I can translate it it's "horse leaves" or "horse plant." (probably a wild bergamot)

(You mean the sweetgrass grew in the same place as--?)

MORE ON SWEETGRASS

It grew right along the streams where there's a lot of moisture. And it grows up in Wyoming.

(Have you ever seen it yourself?)

Oh, yeah. I've--

(I mean here in Oklahoma?)

Oh, no. I was too young--that was before this country opened.