

Ghost Dance--I saw him in the tipi. It was on Sunday and just about the noon hour he was talking, I didn't hear that he was saying, and then somehow he acted like he was fainting, like he faint and he fell back on his back and then that's the sign that he was going to the Great Spirit. So we all went home for the dinner. After dinner we came back. The Ghost Dance priest was still laying down, he was covered with white sheet. And then, they began to come in-- women folks and then they all start 'singin'. They were singing Indian songs and just about the third hour another old man, he's right hand man, he had a whistle made of eagle bone--he blew it four times and that body and he start moving. Then he stand up and he just talk like he was tired and hardly breath; then he told a story of where he was. He said he came to the Great Spirit. But I know--for my part I don't know because I don't think he been there. But anyway, that's the way this old man says. He says he been to the great spirit. And then he was telling the people what the great spirit told him. And in front of him was a cross. It was a cross. One the east side it was yellow and on the west side where he sitted, it was green. And right in front of the cross it had a hole there, that's where he put hot charcoals in there and then he prays with the cedar. He always have a cedar in his hands and then he pray and then when he gets through praying he put that cedar in that hole where that fire is, and when that smoke began to rise then everybody put there hands out and then they put it on there bodies, you know. ((with a washing motion; over face, arms, head, chest)) I don't know what they mean by that but that's about the only story I've seen with my own eyes--when that Catholic priest went through that whole mass and then the following year they didn't have no more Ghost Dance. Today, they still don't have no Ghost Dance.. That's the way I saw that Ghost Dance was stopped by the Catholic priest. His name was Father Isadore.

(In the Ghost Dance, did the people dress in any special way?)

Yeah, they had buckskin dresses and they got clans--some of them got stars, green stars--bunch that got moon--shape of quarter moonlike the color its green. Some of them they got crosses and on the eagle feathers that they wear on the back