

Yeah. Those that never take any part.

(How do you say that in Arapaho?)

Well, of course, hi.nó.nó.x -- "stray horse." Non-participant of any ceremonial participation.

(Well, is that something that--these stray Horses--did they just come in after missionaries and white people came, or back in the old days--?)

No, way back. Way back.

(There were still some even back. Well, did people ever look down on them or anything, for not--?)

#### JESS'S MOTHER'S FASTING IN SUN DANCE

No. No. They'd grow up and get married and their boys and girls would participate all those things. I know women--we. . . , one of our girls lives here in town--solid Christian, but she goes to Wyoming and fasts with them Norther Arapahoes in that Sun Dance. Of course she doesn't dance--she just goes in there, 'sits' there, lays down. No water, no food, for three days. They still doing that. My mother joined it when I was a boy. I know my mother was sick. Probably--I don't know--mother had a fever or something like that. Her brother got in and said, "I heard my sister is sick." They said, "Yeah, come on in. She's here--just laying out there." My uncles was sitting there and my aunts. My mother was laying there. Uncle come in there and said, "Thank you, sister," I heard him say that. "Thank you, sister," he says. I heard him say that. "Thank you, sister," he said, "You found me a place to be suspended from the center pole. I'm going in there tomorrow." In other words he vowed that his sister, my mother, would be well if he'd go in there and fast and be suspended from the center pole. The next morning my mother was well. So when my uncle went in there, well, my mother said, "I'm going to go with my brother. He caused my cure. I'm going to go in there and fast with him." My mother did go in there. (Women would go into the Sun Dance lodge and fast, just lying there on a pallet--jj)

(She did. How long was she in there?)

All through--four days. That's when they were still suspending them, you know.