

his ceremony, they gonna have his ceremony, why he's thankful and he talks to this man or this lady that's putting up this dance for him because this person that's doing it, they want a blessing from the Lord. And so, this one that has the ceremony, goes and holds his hand and talk to him, that God would bless him. Just give him a long talk or a prayer. And that's what they were seeking for, for blessings from the Lord.

DIFFERENT KINDS OF DANCES AND IMITATIONS OF ANIMALS

(All these ceremonies now that you've mentioned such as the doctor dance, the bear dance, buffalo dance, were all these religious ceremonies?)

Yeah, they were all religious. I couldn't say anything about how they used to have ceremony before the dance would go on, but they'd have some kind of ceremony. I believe it's the buffalo dance, I believe. And in Indian way they used to say (Pawnee word) head looked like, the way it was (not clear) looked like it gonna go against those, I imagine just those that take part, and they have a ceremony. Just those that took part in it.

(You mean as a preliminary to a ceremony or as a preliminary to dance--)

I think so, yes.

(Is the doctor dance itself, is it a ceremony, or is it a dance?)

Well, it could be both, because they get together themselves. You know Grant would really be en good on this one.

(You mentioned a while ago in reference to the doctor dances, you mentioned that they imitated animals, different animals. Are you saying that each performer, in order to dance, they must imitate a particular animal?)

Yeah, they, different animals, the Skidis you know, they had doctor dance, but this is our band, the Chaut band and the Etkehahki, you know there's other bands that I know about. Pop can think about it--

(Was the performer in the dance a doctor?)

I think so--

(So I guess that's how the name originated then, the doctor dance. Is there an Indian name for the doctor dance?)