

by eating that. Oh, he just eats it like it's good, you know, and it run him kinds "bugs", you might say. And he learns. He learns some magic powers from it. You learn it that way. They say, "I want to be a doctor, or something. I just eat enough to feel good." But them days, these fellows, they eat it. Maybe forty or fifty at one time. And the effects of it, they get where when they're affected they don't want nobody to bother them. That's the reason whenever anybody's talking over there, they could tell. You could have eyes shut and they could tell you're talking. They could see you. Therefore they always tell you, "Don't never be a burden or don't never bother anybody in there. Be still. If you want to talk, roll cigarette and talk to that peyote. But don't tell stories and laugh. Peoples get the wrong ideas." You're either making fun of somebody, or you're flirting with a woman in there.

(I'm not quite sure I understand about this Old Man Achilta. You were saying he ate quite a bit of peyote and through that he--)

He learned how to doctor.

(I see.)

That's what I mean.

(What kind of doctoring did he do?)

Well, he jst like these other doctors. Sometimes you get headache or sometime you get--it's your mind, like if you lose a loved one and it drives on your mind and makes you sick. One or two meetings like that will bring you out of it. Course, if it don't it'll get you down. The worries will get you down. Anything will get you down. So if you got a burden on your mind that's gonna make you sick, he's good for that. If some of your relatives are sick, he could cure them too, see, with his prayers and whatever he does with a fan. He'll just say a few words for you and you come to pass.

(Did he use peyote when he doctored?)

Um hum, yeah. He use peyote. He's got a way. He's not like this. That drum goes around and that woman--his wife, especially--she could tell at midnite he use some water. Without any ceremony she'd get that water. Say, "I got to go to