

know--feathers--to wear on his head. But he don't hardly ever participate. In fact my dad and my mother were not Indian doctors. They weren't no herb doctors. It was a healthy family and we didn't-- In fact, like my aunts and their sisters--my mother's older sisters--two of them--they were herb doctors by their parents' training. But my mother never took to it. But however they went through all the lodges of the seven lodges of the Arapaho tribe. They are extinct here in Oklahoma, you might say.

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(What's this seven lodges?)

Well, see, the first two lodges are not lodges--that's the Foxes--Kit-Foxes, they call them. Young boys from, say, about ten to about sixteen years old. That's the Foxes. Then they move on to older--it depends when the next lodge is announced. Then the next is the Star Hawks. I really named it "Star Falcons", but where I wanted it to be better understood--there's a common word, "hawk." Now this hawk, that this Star Hawk's named after, is a falcon. It has just two fingers and a thumb. And they're the only hawks that fight the eagle. This is that big eagle up at the top of mountains. And they king-fish, too. They're fish hawks. Yeah, you can see a couple of hundred yards and they'll come down here--scoop down to the water--and pick up fish. Same way with a bear, you know. Bears, you might say, is clumsy, but a bear will catch fish, quickly, because of their sharp claws, I guess.

(Who was it that went through all of these seven lodges--was it your mother?)

That's these two organizations--the Kit-Foxes and the Star Hawks have no lodge. It's just a social dance. Young men in their growing years, when they became the good hunters and the good herders and warriors, and good scouts. Then this third one is the Tomahawks. They have a lodge. It lasts three days. But they have a division of them. (Tomahawk organization divided