

Bonnie: To smoke, do they just smoke a cigarette?

(It's a little special cigarette. It's Bull Durham tobacco. What I meant is like if I had come to you and asked you to pray, would you be praying aloud so I could hear you?)

Yes, not too loud. Just not to hear whoever's close around. Mostly they don't sit out in the open. They go in the tipi, in the tipi.

(Well, would I have to pay you for making this prayer?)

Sometimes. It'll either be a blanket, shawl, or something to eat, you know. I don't get none of that, I mean the medicine man gets all of that, see? And then after he gets through going through his motions about that what you give him and then they can go ahead and eat if they want to or touch it. But they're not supposed to touch it until he gets through with his part.

SILVERHORN, TODAY'S KEEPER OF THE TEN GRANDMOTHERS, IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN PRAY FOR OTHERS IN THE OLD INDIAN CUSTOM

(Well, would they just ask anybody to pray for their relatives or do they just go to certain ones?)

They ask the priest. Now this Ten Gods we got--now Silverhorn is a man that if you go to him and you're in trouble, you go over there and tell him your trouble and he'll listen. Then when he gets through, maybe he'll take his pipe. He's the only one that can do that--not me or anybody else. And he prays to his idol, Ten Gods. That's way back when there was no Christianity.

(Well, do they ever just smoke just for the fun of it? I mean do they ever just smoke for pleasure?)

Yes, yes. They've got a different, not this, they use this for medicine or prayer. They got a different pipe that they smoke in the night or day just to be smoking.