

(But these kind of pipes are just for prayer?)

For worship.

(For worship. Do women ever smoke these?)

Yeah, sometimes when they're in real trouble and they want to get their prayers answered, why, they smoke then.

(Are there any stories or anything you heard explaining why they smoke when they pray? Or have you ever heard any of the old people say why they always smoke when they pray?)

Well, not the way I believe, but they pray to their idols, you know.

Of course, if you're going to pray to God, then you can't smoke.

(Yeah, well I mean way back, you know, before they had Christianity?)

Way back there they always used their smoke for any worship--anything that they--even in sickness and trouble. They used that pipe.

(Is there any reason why they always use the pipe?)

The reason, their reason, of course--now different medicine men has his reason. Yellow Wolf and so on. And then Old Man Yellow Wolf, he says, "When I take my smoke and pray to the idol, when that smoke comes out, when it comes out of the pipe and when you smell the odor of it," he says that idol will answer your prayer. That's why he use it that way. He can't doctor or even touch any way until he smokes that. And when that smoke comes out they say there's a meaning to the Great Spirit. They always say that he's smoke. That's why they use it--that reason. But we don't believe that way.

WARRIORS USED TO SMOKE PIPE FOR BLESSING BEFORE GOING ON WARPATH

(Back in the old days when a warrior was going to war and he had this in his tobacco bag, now--)

Before, say there was thirty young men that was going to go on the warpath tomorrow. When they make them sweat houses--I don't know if