

(But you people that were watching, you didn't--)

It wasn't just anybody. It wasn't everybody--I mean--just anybody. It was some closer ones. And they knew better. Now, like me, I was a joiner. I knew I was a joiner. But do you think I would go in there? No. I wouldn't because that was a big task. I feel that way. That was too big a job they're doing. I don't want to be seen in there. I rather see them in there and cure him. See like that, you know. I think that's the way they all think.

(Well, did the ladies carry those rattles too?)

Yeah, they carried them too.

(What else --what did they wear?)

They wore just ordinary dresses, but they were dressed up.

(They were?)

They were dressed up. Because they weren't no doctors or anything, you know.

They just dance with the mens. You might say what you always say--"Keep up the morale."

(Yeah, I see.)

And help the others, so they won't fall.

(Did they have on buckskin dresses?)

No. Not like that.

(How about shawls. Did they use shawls when they were dancing?)

No, huh uh, not that--yeah I guess they did.

(Now these were Oto people?)

Yeah, Oto people. And Iowas, too. I told you that's where I joined.

(But the Iowas had the same thing?)

Yeah, the Iowas had the same thing. Now my grandma paid for me, you know.

Yeah, she did. She gave what she had.

(Who did she give it to?)

Oh, she gave it to her friends and to the head man and to the head helpers--co-workers, as we call them now.