

miles. And he fasted three days, and he said "Every day--" I heard him say that. In the evening he'd hear rattlesnakes around--

Bob: Earl Whiteshirt was up there fasting one time and he said that he saw some big snakes up on that hill.

Jess: Yeah That's a common story. It seems like the snakes try to bluff them away from being in that location two or three nights. And in the morning they'll see a rattle snake here and a rattlesnake there and they just wouldn't pay no attention. They want to carry out their ceremonial and their vow just the way they established themselves--three days and three nights. Blackman, he fasted on that hill--John Blackman's dad. But this man that--Susie Blackman's father, as I said he's already a Christian and he's interpreted at the Menonite Church. I don't know what made him-- impression. He went over there and fasted and he got to be a snake doctor.

Bob: You know, I was the first administrator of this Geary Nursing Home. I brought Earl Whiteshirt in up there and I talked to him a great deal about many of these things. And he was telling me that he would go up upon that red hill and fast and others over here on Coyote Hill and fast also, and then they would pass smoke signals from this hill to this one, to the Buffalo Mountains--range--up there northwest of Canton.

Jess: Smoke signal, looking glass and fire sparks signal. Fire by night, and looking glass by noon, and smoke any time of the day.

Bob: That would be a range there from those hills--you called them Buffalo Hills, southwest of Canton--that would be a range of sixty-five or seventy miles from Coyote Hill. They would pass the signal from Coyote--that red hill to Buffalo--

Jess: Yeah, you can see that Buffalo Mountain from the Greenfield Red Hill to southwest of Canton--they're about sixty miles. They passed signals back and forth.