

Yeah. He had heard about these other doctors telling him not to drink beer.

(So he quit going?)

...Going to these others and kept on and went to five or six doctors, and that's what they'd tell him everytime. But this last one he went to, well he had heard that he wasn't doin' what they had told him. So he just told him, "Now you just drink all the beer that you want." Plenty beer every day. He says, "You're my doctor. You're the one I've been looking for all the time."

(He figures he might as well get the doctor's fee out of him. (laughter)

Well, so alcoholism is a problem, but it's not really so much because they can't find a job. It's just all the pressures from living in a predominantly white society, with white competitiveness - I mean, everything that you have to compete for.)

Oh yeah. I guess they try to compete with the white people, and of course, as far back as I can remember, the Indians always liked to drink alcohol. I've always heard, all my life, that they was the worst people they was after alcohol.

(They seem to like it don't they? And tobacco?)

Yeah. They do.

(Well, I know in the Cherokee tribe they - with the Cherokee medicine, they fix a tobacco that's sacred. Do you - does the Chickasaws have anything like that?)

Some of them do.

(Do they?)

Yeah. That is, they go according to the denomination of the churches that believe in this or believe in that. They don't - some of them don't believe in using tobacco or anything like that. So that's all that they go be here