

Oh, yeah. They always grow here. And they always even grow in the field.

(Even back when you were a kid--do you remember seeing them?)

Yeah. I used to gather them and hit kids on the head with it.

(What for?)

They couldn't get them out of their hair!

(These peyotes that they gave you in that meeting--were they green ones?)

Well, these, I guess my cousin grind them. They were ground. I don't know whether they were green or not. I guess he grind them. They were in a little jar. And you take them and dampen them and then make little ball. And that's what I was eating.

(Did it taste bitter to you?)

It tastes bitter.

(So he gave you four and then later on they gave you four more?)

Four more. I had eight altogether. But some of them, they eat more than eight. Some of them would call for--"Give me eight." Or, "Give me ten," you know--that way. They always ask for them here when they start eating.

(Did Sally take any, too?)

She took some--she took eight, too. She uses it. Yeah, her and her husband they use it. They use it yet. Once in a while they have peyote meeting at their place. When one of their boys' birthday. Last birthday was Billy Ray's and they had peyote meeting there. And they come after me. I was the one that grind that meat.

ARAPAHO TERM FOR PEYOTE

(What is the Arapaho name for peyote?)

h'w' h'w' y'w' .x -- that means "sticker." I don't know why they call it that. They just call it that way--sticker.

(Would you use that name--just for these sandburs and things, too?)

Yeah, sandburs-- h'w' h'w' y'w' .xú

(Would that mean "a lot of stickers"?)

Yeah--a lot of stickers.