

(Well, tell me, did they used to have these parrot feathers back in the old days?)

Like I told you, I don't know too much about the parrot feathers because I just see them in the ceremonial worship in the peyote. And don't everybody have them--don't everybody have them. But I notice--I notice now-a-days a lot of different tribes and lots of young all carry parrot feathers now. I don't know what authority they have on them but maybe Sam could tell you a whole lot more than I can.

(I just wondered where they used to get them?)

Where they get them?

(Uh-huh.)

Well, they go to Old Mexico. They say lots of parrots over there. And they get them from the Mexicans--lots of them. Down Juarez or Laredo and in on the border. They get those parrot feathers on the border. And some of them get them from the zoos. And some parrots on exhibition, sometimes in stores, and someone--they're there, and they get around there and get their parrot and sneak one off him. And sneak it out of there.

(Well, did you know of people using these back--well, say, before the country opened up. Did they use them that early?)

Well, yes. As far as--ever since the country opened they been using them. But I don't know too much before the country opened and in the Native Church because I was small and I didn't go much in the Native Church until after the country opened. My father believe in the Native Church and he goes and they have them, but even after I was small, I used to go in there. I don't go for worship or for any purpose. I just go in there just to curiosity and to be there