

culture. He has known and worked with such people as A. L. Kroeger, James Mooney, Morris Smith, Sister Inez Hilger, and Fred Eggan.

AN EXPERIENCE JESS HAD IN A PEYOTE MEETING WHICH HELPED SHAPE HIS LIFE

--it just seemed like he knew it. "Do you sense anything?"

"Yeah, I did," I said. After I fixed my fire I sat down and I saw a deck of cards right in front of me by that fireplace. I saw the Queen of spades. That brought me my memory back that I still had a deck of cards in my pocket and I took them out and went out there. They're on the wood pile yet. I told him what I heard that voice tell me. So this other man, he said, "Now you follow that advice. You're a young man. You go off to school and cut your hair. Go to school and study. Maybe that voice you heard had reason to give you that sense of thought." So that same fall I went to school. And I'm thankful for that. Sure thankful for that. And I still live according to that.

MORE OF JESS' PEYOTE EXPERIENCE--SEEING A SNAKE

(When you were a young man did anyone ever teach you about peyote and about how you should conduct yourself in meetings?)

No. No. I learned that all through that process of those meetings. All I want to go in 'there is to hear prayers for my father and mother. My father was already gone a year after I had joined this lodge. My mother was still living. But that same night when this voice was talking to me, I could just sense--imagine --that there was a storm coming from the northwest. We was out there on the bald prairie. No shelter and no protection. And first thing I thought of my mother. "Oh, I got to take care of my mother--see that she's safe. Because if this storm comes I