

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PONCA PEACE PIPE

(Who predicted this change in the Ponca tribe, I've heard it before?)

I don't know. I guess old peoples all had a feeling of that. But that's what I heard from my grandfather, and I've heard different ones tell in a big Indian feast, old people, lot old people, lot of old people were living. I use to hear different ones, talking and predicting that, you know. But I don't know who they were at that time.

(They predicted the tribe would break up didn't they?)

Yeah, but the reason, we had a peace pipe about 19--oh, I don't exactly remember, Dana might remember when the last year that peace pipe that kept the tribe together, somebody sold that. It was really--

(Stole it and sold it?)

Sold it, I don't know whether they stole it, but they said Dana Knight's father is the one that sold it. Now I don't know, that's just hear talk, but I know it was sold, to a museum you know. And ever since then--that peace pipe kept us Ponca tribe together. And our old peoples lived, but ever since they sold it we don't even have no old peoples left. Just about two--

(The old people kept a lot of these things together and kept order didn't they?)

Yeah, they kept order. Every year they had feast for this peace pipe. They pray to God and thank them for everything, you know. That's why they kept this pipe. But since it's gone, well just seem like I say, my generation just went haywire, we worried you know, I say that.

YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE PONCA TRIBE DRINK TOO MUCH LIQUOR - PONCA INDIANS ARE MISTREATED BY PONCA CITY PEOPLE

(Are many young people stay around here, there's still a lot of the young people around here aren't there?)

Oh yeah, there's lot of people, young people around here, but all they do is drink.

(I've worked with some people in Ponca City and they just--seem like they