

(Back in those days would every man who went to a meeting have an eagle feather?)
 No not as a general rule. The man that conducts the meeting, he's the one that has that feather. And a leader, he's the one that's supposed to have the feathers and the peyote and all of that. And the visitors only uses that. But now everybody's got--

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(Well, you were talking about the leader having these feathers and things with him, back in those days would the leader be passing out feathers to different people that were attending the meeting?)

Yeah--at certain times, for certain reasons. Now if you'll notice these meetings now, when they first start out, you see a leader have sage on there with a stick and maybe a feather. And sometimes the fireman has a feather, too. Sometimes. Kiowas do that. But Apaches they just--at certain times they put cedar on and if they got some feathers, take 'em out and smoke 'em and then set up and use 'em--the feathers. But used to, like I said, a leader or a person that conducts meetings, he supposed to have the staff and gourd and feathers and whatever goes with the meeting. He has that and they try to pass it around and everybody during the course of the singing, they'll use that eagle feather. And the eagle feathersx supposed to have some kind of spirit in it. As I told you, eagles are clean birds. They eat fresh meat all the time. And they're you might say birds that you don't see messed up. They're always clean. They're way up above. I'd say Indians always have that in mind when they have feathers--eagle feathers, they're gonna acquire the same thing eagle has. (Did they use feathers in this way for any other purposes besides in peyote meetings?)

Oh yes. Some of these men that doctors, they use that. Did you ever see a man doctor?

DOCTORING:

(No, I never have.)

We 1, you can, like Helen been doctored (his wife) and several peoples I seen went for when they get a headache, or some kind of neuralgia. They got two or three ways to cure that. One of 'em's to get that (goes and gets a cowhorn that has been