

liquor. Then they get to drinking. Maybe they stay there for a day or two and have a big time. Then they'll go down there and get peyote. Then they claim to belong in this Native American Church. Well; maybe they do belong in it but what they doing getting drunk there before they go over there to get that, pray over there.

(When you go to get peyote, do you go into Mexico to get it?)

I can go either place, myself. I got a permit--I did have a permit here that I can go into Old Mexico and get it. I got it from Austin, Texas.

(Do you go collect it or do you buy it?)

I cut it myself. Used to be that you could order it to Texas, but they put a stop to that now, I guess. I don't know. They said you couldn't order it anymore and I haven't tried to order any. I always go get my own.

(When you go out and cut it, is there a certain special way you do that?)

Oh yeah.

(How does that work?)

Well, you go over there. When you find it, well, you take corn shuck and tobacco and I used to take a flint rock to make fire--to start my fire right there. But I got to thinking about it, now I use this thing ((lighter)). Do you like that. It's got a flint in there. It's the same thing, so I just go ahead and use it. You roll you smoke with Bull Durham, and then you pray with the tobacco. That's an old general way to make a--with the Indians--they use tobacco in their prayer. Anything they do, they use tobacco. That's the way we do down there. We pray for the-- maybe you pray for yourself, maybe you want to be with your friends just as long as you could. Maybe you pray for your children for them to live on. Then you pray for your old people--you got a mother and father--pray for them. And then you pray for your friends and your relations--different tribes. There's lots and lots of different tribes that's been there. They have shed tears talking to God and he's helped him for help you know. Take care of the people. That's the way they do. That's the way I do. That's way I hear the old people they do it. So, its like I say now, I been going to meetings 43 years. Way back in my younger days I used to