

it it wasn't habit forming. They respected peyote in their rituals. I don't believe I've ever seen an old Indian who was addicted to this peyote. I've seen those Indians use it time after time, I'd guess you'd say; well, I haven't actually seen them eat it, but I know they used it, I supposed they did when they went to ~~my~~ peyote meeting. But then I've seen some of those old Indians turn to Christianity and just forgot about peyote altogether, so evidently it's not habit forming the way those Indians use it. Of course, some of these hippies, the way they use it I guess it can be pretty powerful, they use it, they eat it and then wash it down with some whiskey. Now, it's pretty potent that way I imagine, but I've never seen an Indian addicted, that is, a Kiowa in my part of the country where I was raised around Anadarko, Ft. Cobb, Carnegie, I've never seen a Kiowa that was addicted to the stuff, evidently it's not habit or they didn't use it in such a way that it would become a habit forming drug. But they do go on a trip when they take too much of it; they have hallucinations and see things.

(When you were growing up were there more Indians that were Christian, or peyote, or what religion did they--?)

Well, I'd say fifty fifty when I was a kid. They, there was some that believed strongly in peyote, or North American Indian Church as they call it, and Christianity. Of course, when I was growing up, there was a lot of Indian missions at the time, lot of strong Christians among the Indian people. This, there were quite a few missionaries when I was young and the churches were more active among the Indian people at that time, but these churches are gone now. Baptists were about the strongest protestant church at the time. But now, I think Methodists is a little, more stronger than the Baptists, among the Indian people now, but I think there are more Methodists among the Indian people in southwestern Oklahoma than there is Baptists; there is quite a few Methodists. But at the time the Baptists, the Baptist Church was pretty powerful, it had a lot of missionaries, it was more active.

(There was something you mentioned yesterday; you said when you started school you couldn't speak English, but you adapted pretty quickly. I was wondering about the other kids, did they have any trouble or did they do pretty well?)