

My father and Agent Bentley went together to Old Mexico. They drove down in a car. I was pretty small at the time. I think Dad was trying to take over and he went to see if they could get land down there. Talk was going around. They said that the United States Indians were under government jurisdiction, that their lands were restricted. I heard talk that the United States wouldn't release the Indians to go to Mexico. I've heard the old timers talk about that. They would all chip in and donate money to send the chief and some of his councilmen down there.

I've heard my Dad talk about Tecumseh. And talk about his brother, Tenskwatwa. He wore a patch over one eye--he was known as the Prophet. He told the Shawnees that something was going to happen to the moon so they wouldn't see it. There was an eclipse. That's how he became famous. Also he talked with some French trader. They told him the moon would eclipse. He transferred it over to the Shawnee tribe and it came true and they called him the Prophet.

DQ I've heard some old timers say they didn't care too much for Tecumseh. He was a warrior and a hard old man. But my dad didn't kick on him. But from what I've read about him, he's o.k.. He was just trying to get the Indians together to fight the white man. He went from Canada to Florida. On his last trip down there he had made an Indian calendar, for each tribe. It was made of a hollow log and he had put sticks inside there. He knew how long it would take him to travel from one place to another. He would leave these sticks and tell them every day to take a stick out and throw it away. When all the sticks were gone, they should meet him in the northeast and we will fight. He knew just how long it would take him. He went through Tennessee, Kentucky and on to Florida. Lot of tribes backed out.

DQ I don't know of any enemies the Shawnees had among the Indians. The Shawnees were bound together with the Creeks. They are noted for