

know, his teachings and so on. I guess, they was handed down when everybody was always that way. But later years, you see, well the boys like you and all, you know, they went to school and got an education. And they learned more about the white man's way and everything like that, see.

(Uh-huh.)

And so, not many of them anymore attends, I don't think, peyote meetings. But there's quite a few old people now that still goes. (But back in them days there was a lot of them.)

Oh, yeah. There was lot of them, they all believed that way Leonard. That was their belief, you know. Well, it was all right. And in a way, you know, because that's all they taught see. But after they went to school and got education, you know, and everything. They learned about the white man's way and the way of the Lord, see.

WORK ON OIL FIELDS

(How about way back there when you all was growing up back there, well, in that Hokah's place--when back in, about that time was there any oil operations around there?)

Well, no. They wasn't at that time. Not at that time. But they begin to drill around in, about, I think it was about 1916 or '17. They drilled a well out north of town there. Out there, I think, it was on Sam Barker's place. I ain't sure. But I believe it was. And there was a boy that lost his leg out there. He was working on this drilling. And the well came in. It came in and with an awful force of gas, you know. And they would they had got the braggen head on. But somehow or other I think, they had they had the gate closed on it. Had it closed in. And they didn't have it tightened up good. And it blowed that thing off and hit this boy leg, see. And oh, man I don't know how much one of those Christen trees weighed. But it hit him, see. Broke it into. And they had to take his leg off at the knee. And I just barely knowed that boy. But he sure was a good fellow. Then, they, after that, well section A out here, think it was old man Springer he opened that lease up out there. Drilled the first well out there. So he got a chance to sell out so he sold out, million dollars. He sold it for a million