

a drink. The midnight water, they pass it over to the chief, and he sets it right here behind the peyote and he bless that water. He put that feather in there, and goes this way and that way....and he stick that feather in there and he bless that water and they pass it on. No it goes back to the door then comes up that way. Everybody has to drink that same water because they bless it, pray for it. And that water..if you got any kind of sickness, its going to heal your body...something like that. That's the way it runs, all night long. All night they sing, and drum, and eat that peyote. Well, you get tired, you know, sitting up all night. It's good, it's a good way to live.

(Do people ever get sick from eating peyote?)

Lot of people get sick in there, and bring the sick peoples in there and pray for them and give that medicine to them and they get well ---helps them.

(How many peyotes do the people eat?)

It's just....they just eat any amount they wat. Five or ten, any amount.

(Are there a lot of women at the meetings?)

Yeah. Not too many. The womans, they get tired and they don't like to go to the meetings. But mostly its lot of mens. But me I have to be there everytime they have a meeting I have to be there, Cause thats our home and the meetings there and you just have to be there. But if you sick, you can't go, but even if you get sick you have to go in there. It's your home place.

(Is the Kiowa meeting different from the Comanche?)

They got it from the Comanches. The Kiowa...they show them how to run it. That's why the Kiowa got all the same way just like the Comanche. So does these Apaches. They got it from the Comanches. They use the same way. And the preacher...the chief he runs that meeting and everybody has to do what he says.

(How does somebody get to be the chief?)

If he knows the rules you at it, that's the time he becomes a chief. I have a tipi just like the one out there. And when our Chief died, we had to get another chief and my cousin, he lives over there at Fletcher, we tell him to come down. I had a tipi, and we put it up that night and he run that meeting for us. He took my son