

join it." "You ought to join it--you ought to go--" "It's up to them. It's up to the Lord. When he puts it in their heart, then they know when to join," he used to say. But forcing a person, that's not no help to them. That's the way they do. But oh, this preacher they got here, he come after us, and I think he's trying to force people. He's just a young man.

(Is he Indian?)

White man. We had Indian preacher here--Steve, he was preaching--Steve Birdshead. And now he's down in the park (in Canton) every day!

(What happened to him?)

I don't know. He just quit his wife and quit going to church. Quit preaching. And he went to drinking, running away with women, and everything. He just turn out bad.

(Was he a Pentecostal preacher?)

First, he was a Baptist preacher. And then he was a Methodist preacher. Then he come to this Pentecostal preacher. And he sure was doing good. There was a lot of people saved. He used to have church right where that center is. That was his church.

(That new center that they're building--?)

No, it's right in there where these women always work. They call it "Indian Center." That's where he used to preach. (Canton Multi-Purpose Center) Well, when he quit preaching, he--

(When he was preaching there was he a Baptist preacher at that time?)

No, he was a Pentecostal preacher. When he was a Baptist preacher he used to preach at North Broadway there where that taxicab (stand) is. That's where he used to preach. And then when he was a Methodist he preached down at Geary. And then when he joined the Pentecost he come up here and preach for two years.

(How long ago has it been since he was a preacher?)

Just been about three years ago.

(What age a man is he?)

About thirty. Yeah, he's young.

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(Back when you all used to go to the Mennonite church every