

"I've got something I want to give you." And so I told that newspaperman that one o'clock, we'll come back to the Denver Post printing office. So we went with this man to his house, and he gave us lunch and after lunch, he brought in a box--a big box full of all kind of bird feathers that was in the Denver Zoo, that feathers dropped out and die and he came and pile them up. And he said, "Take your pick, what you want out of it."

PARROT FEATHERS WERE RARE AND HARD TO GET

And they was lots of rare birds--polly feathers, and parrots and other kinds. And, oh, we just piled them up there in the shoe boxes and even what you call a peacock feathers. He had a lot of peacock feathers. We got a lot of them too--and long feathers. And we--me and Allen just loaded ourselves with those feathers--all kinds. He had some eagle feathers too. So we went on to the Denver Post at noon and we got these stories, and I told him lot of what we done. Well, I got quite a few of those parrot feathers at that time. And you can't hardly buy parrot feathers. They're rare here. Those that got the parrot won't let you pull the feathers off of them. And where they got some drop off, they charge you dollar or two for just one little feather.

NATIVE CHURCH WORSHIPPERS USE PARROT FEATHERS

But anyway, we had plenty of them. A lot of these Native Church workers use them for ceremonies. So different boys come and ask me for them. I give them out. I think my wife got some more in that trunk, I don't know, but she stealed from that zoo--but most of them, we done give them away. That was about thirty years ago. We still got some of them. Well, anyway, these medicine men--this Tsoodle, he make everybody that come for him for a doctor bring a