

always have sticks about so long. We always have a little thing like these guys do that gets these rattlesnakes out here at Okeene, only they claim (?) their necks sideways, you know. But this one is fixed so there's a little rod comes over there and it's got a kind of a knife on each side of it. When you pull it, it cuts it and you throw it in a sack. They never touch it. But don't hit that rattlesnake with that blade there. We don't want no rattlesnake contacting our peyote. So I found the first patch. Well, it was as big as this house--our whole yard and this house. Just enough of it. Oh, they were about that big. Nice. I called, "Here." I pick out one. All right, so we sit down there. We offered a prayer. We all had sacks. So we start and I said, "Watch around now, there might be a rattlesnake or any dead pressure--grass refuse or something like that--always watch out--there might be a snake coiled up. We was lucky. We never found a snake, but we got about three sacks there--all good peyote. Then we went to another place where they were coarser. They were older. We got about 400 there and went on to dinner, then went on southwest. A rancher I met in Laredo--he had a ranch 12 miles southeast of Laredo. A Dr. Taylor (unin. word) --old man, said, "Tell the boys you want in. Tell 'em I let you come out," if I'm not there. But if I'm there and you boys want to eat, well we got two or three houses there. I'll get some of those womens to cook for you." We went out there. We got about 1100 that day. Nice fields there. I want to go down pretty soon. I thought I'd go this month. I go first to El Paso and work from there on down to Eagle Pass on the Mexican side, and Aientes and then Eagle Pass, and then on to Laredo on the Mexican side. I want to get some more of these Mexican eagles. A Mexican, for two or three American dollars, he'll get you one or two eagles. I want to get these red beads, too, some of 'em. They keep pretty well this late.

(We went to a place near Mirando City.)

Yeah, that's near Oilton.

(And we met one of the fellows we bought some peyote from, named Claudio Cardenas.)

Yeah. I know those--two brothers, those boys.