

They call it n<sup>w</sup>xu<sup>v</sup>caé' aè --that's the Arapaho word for that bundled guard to keep the hay back.

(Did the Arapahoes always use that in a tipi?)

Oh, yeah, even in ordinary living. That keeps the inside clean, you know. n<sup>w</sup>xu<sup>v</sup>caé' aè is the name of that bundled willows. It could be sage; it could be willows, it could be any kind of a grass--slew grass (cattails). But this was willows that particular time. In fact other times they used it during every day life in tipis.

(Would you tell me again how you happened to go to that meeting?)

Well, during Darlington camp, those older men that belongs to the peyote lodge, they'd drum and sing and we'd go over there and listen to them. And then they tell stories about their experiences, and where prayers were offered for them or for the sick or afflicted ones. Or some with distorted minds. And they always prayed for them. And I just thought, "Gee, that would be a good place for me." Their prayers for my father and mother--they were getting old. So this one that we heard was going to be held, I started to go over there. So I did go over there and I got this boy to go with me. His parents used to go to regular meetings. But that was his first time, too. So that's how we got to be in that first one.

(And you went to this Mexican place and ate chili first?)

Yeah, yeah--that afternoon, yeah. That was my first experience with chili.

(Would you mind telling me again about the peyote that you ate that night--I think you said you took four the first time--?)

Took four. Then we took two. Then we took two again. That's