

Including some peyote and subsequent attempts to have peyote declared a narcotic or similar substance.) That's the way it's standing now...they took it out of it. They never could find---They analyze it I don't know how many times and they couldn't find nothing in it. But it's the people like that using it...some ignorants, students...Indians they use. Make tea or something out of it and just take it.

(Indians too?)

Yeah, Indians too. Carry it 'round in their pockets. When they get drunk, police, when they pick them up, they search 'em. They'll search 'em and they find some of that peyote. That's how come it's making it bad for this peyote. If they'd just use it right, in a good way, you know.. Nobody wouldn't---

HOW JAMES GOT STARTED IN PEYOTE RELIGION

(Well, when did you first start going in meetings?)

'32 or somewhere along in there.

(How did you come to go?)

Well, I used to be against this peyote. I didn't like it. Way back there in them olden days...well, I was married then, well my brothers they just use this peyote.. Max and all them. They're younger than I am but some way, but they use it. Somehow I just caught, started using it. And when I used it, I just sit back there right now, conduct meetings. And that's the way I understnad it today. Like Father's day, I got to go out west here, and run that meeting for the local chapter.

(Well, why were you against?)

Well, I wasn't against it--I just didn't want it.

(How did your brothers get started?)

Just pick it up somewhere. They help tied drum, and gourd, and singing all the time.

(Which brothers were they?)

Well, Max is the only one living yet. That other boy's dead. And some other boys, my nephew. That's the way it started around Mt. Scott. When that peyote first come in down there, older men, they have drum tied all the time, and just singing-- day and night, singing--don't do nothing only something like that. That's what