

with them. Then we'll exchange stories. For instance, I'd say, "Well, I heard this--maybe you know something about it." And so forth. Just exchanging stories. Just like we're doing now. It's similar, only we didn't write it down. That's the way it was. That's the way, I repeat. It's passed from generations to generation. But now, it's--

OLD TIME MEDICINE MEN AND PEYOTE:

(Do you remember any of the other stories your grandfather used to tell about peyote?)

Yes. When they first start out--and before they start using it--some of those, they have their own power. They have their own medicine, like being a magician. And one in particular--you may have heard of Daveco. He's one of the outstanding medicine men of the Apaches. He used it just to find out how it works. Well, after he used it three or four times, he made a statement. He didn't write it, but however, he said, "I've had a lot of power in my own way, but when I come in here, I'm nobody. That peyote is the one that takes over. I don't know where he gets it. I know where I got my power. But I know that's beyond me and I'm gonna behave myself in here." And he did. And many other medicine men tried their medicine in there, but it wouldn't work. You know how it is--you went in there--just confident that you're gonna retain your own mind. But after you partake of that you change your--I don't know if they call that narcotic or not, but I don't think it's a narcotic. It's not habit-forming.

(Did you ever attend any of the meetings where they tried to show their power?)

No. Those were before my time. That happened way back. They passed the story on. They done this and they done that. And so forth. Few of