

Church of North America. Well, that included those Crees up in Canada in order similar meeting. They wanted it, so they used that name. But at this last conference the Native American Church - that's anywhere.....so that's as far as I know, up to the current information.

(What was the purpose of having that conference, back there at Apache Ben's house? Was it in the '40's that they got that national charter started?)

Yes.

(What was it that set that off? What made Ben and the others decide to have that conference?)

Well these Crows for a few years - like the Cheyenne - they come through here going to Texas to get peyote. So they stopped here at Ben's house. They spent the night. Sometime they go down there, and on the way back Ben would put up a meeting for them. And after the meeting, in the next couple days they go on home.

And that was Ben's idea to expand this church throughout the United States. He want every Indian in the United States to have that religion that was handed down from the Southwest where there were few tribes that were using peyote.

And they introduced it to - you seen what Tennison wrote - The Barefoot Indians and the Tonkawas and Jicarillas and then the Kiowa-Apache and then on down, all over.

APACHE BEN AND OTHER APACHE TRIBES

(Do you have any idea when Ben first started going to Peyote meetings? How he became interested?)

Well, way he told me he remembered it when he was a boy and his father took part of it. Like my grandpa, he used to be in it. He used to carry drum.

(Do you remember his father's name yet?)

You mean my grandpa?

(No, Ben's)