

every month you see that. That's what it represents--the moon. And the peyote sets there--right here (fatish peyote set in middle of crescent altar). You're supposed to put a line down that middle. That's a road, peyote road. But you'll automatically, notice some other tribes ain't got no roads on it. They don't know. Therefore, automatically, they ain't got no road. But you take one with a road, well, everybody knows it's a road--peyote road. But some, inasmuch as they use that peyote, they're still infants, you might say. Because there's no such thing as finishing or graduating from this peyote. And another thing I could say while I'm at it--education ain't no good in that tipi/ You can be a lawyer, you can be a congressman, you can be anything--politician--but when you go in there, you don't have to be educated. In fact, you don't have to be but just yourself.

(Have the Apaches always used that crescent in the meeting?)

Yeah. Except when they first began. We don't know, but we just heard that when they first start out they used any kind of stick and hit it on their heels. Sit there and make that noise. And later this drum came in. Somebody's idea. Then with it came the interpretation of the sound. The sound of it denotes thunder. And the water you see go into it is rain. And that hide is meat. Comes from meat. You have to --a abundance of it. And that bucket also with water in it--ever thing grows with water. You put water on tomatoes, potatoes, and from that, that water's got spirit, you see. It's got life in it. And that's the reason they put it together --that thunder and the rain and--in one accord, you see--unity. I could just go on and tell you these things--it's like I said, you were in that meeting and your conception of that is just fine. It's just good. I don't know how much more you wanted to hear, because I can't find enough words in English to express what I really think. And even in my own language I can't find words to express my true feelings.

FIREWOOD USED IN PEYOTE MEETINGS:

(Did you ever hear when or how they started to use that crescent?)

Oh, it's for--well, it is at the first--when it first start out it keeps --the reason, I think, in the springtime when it rains, the water runs over there and it puts that fire out (?) so they put that-- And another thing, it keep the heat you know.