

(Gee, that's great. Well, would the Native American Church chapters have any dinner at Christmas for its members?)

Yeah. The whole year (week) of Christmas. They have peyote meeting and then they have a dinner of their own.

(I see. Who would put that on--like if they were having a meeting a Christmas?)

The peyote people--the peyote Native American Church members. The women. I know one time they had a meeting at Thanksgiving time. And I took twelve dollars worth of ribs--short ribs. And six or seven pies, and doughnuts and bread and things like that. I took them out there just to help them. Because my niecc was the one that planned to have that meeting. She was one of the Lumpmouth girls. And I thought I'd help her out, so I give her twenty dollars worth of groceries--meat and all that, and they enjoyed it.

(Who would pay for most of the groceries for the dinner that they would have at this Christmas meeting?)

Well, it's from the Native American Church fund. They'd get ready, see, in early summer and they just raise money. They when Christmas and Thanksgiving come, they buy their own Thanksgiving dinner. Same way with Christmas. Same way Easter. Same way New Year.

(What kind of things do they do to raise money?)

Well, they just have peyote meeting and they just announce what this money is going to be raised for. They all chip in. (Probably pass a hat around in the morning after the ceremony is over and people contribute what they want to chapter activities--jj) "I'm a member and my family, and here's five dollars." "Here's four dollars." "Here's ten dollars." It builds up in no time. Fifty, sixty--maybe seventy or eighty dollars. That's for Christmas. But what's left, they raise money same way for Christmas or Easter--Thanksgiving and Christmas. Same way New Years or Easter. Oh, it's worked out good.