

SOME INDIANS WORSHIP IDOLS TO THIS DAY

Jenny: Yeah, they call them Dzaidetali. When they had dance down there they had Gourd Dance. (Fourth of July it was. Oscar Sewell, I heard him say--you know Oscar Sewell?

(Yes.)

Jenny: Heddie Sewell is his wife. She's half white and just think, his wife is half white woman. She ought to know enough not to let her husband do that, or just kind of teach him that idols is nothing to worship now. It's way back there where the Indians didn't know nothing about the Lord. Didn't know nothing about the Bible. Well, they used to worship anything. But, now today it's still--that's what Cecil said, it's still existing today. And young men worship it still. James (unclear), he's one of them. Nelson Big Bow, he's one of them. And Tom Little Chief, he's one of them. Some of our young men that have got some schooling. But I don't know why. Maybe it's hard for them to get away from it because their grandfather's been worshipping them. My father was an older man and see how old I am. I know better. I don't want to kneel down to something that don't know nothing--just like this chair here. I don't want to worship it. I worship the true Lord now, today. Well, still there's something--I heard Oscar Sewell down there before they start the powwow, you know. They always ask someone to pray. When they pray in Indian, they pray to them. (They do?)

Jenny: Yeah, I heard Oscar Sewell pray. We went down there to look on and he was praying to Dzaidetali. "Dzaidetali," he said, "Wherever you at turn your face towards us poor Indians over here," he said, "And watch over us and be with us." And he made his prayer.