

there. They got in a place down there, looking for them poles and cottonwoods. In order to put them--fix that ledge. They found a center pole (cottonwood tree). It's about that big. They stood there. And them boys, they got their axes, and he started cutting. I just noticed them, you know--look at them. They started to cut that tree. "Hey, wait a minute! Wait! Don't do that yet!" I said. I take this from the teaching of the old people. I walk up to them. "Hey, you boys, come around," I said. "Come here. You got a good pole," I said. "Before you do that (cut it), cut it down," I said, "Roy--come here. Roy Bull." I said, "Come here, Roy." Roy, he went through that-- They started cutting that big tree up there. "Before you cut that tree," I said, "I want to hear your war story." So Roy, he talked and told about something over there, in that division he was in. Well, after Roy got through, I said, "All right. Go ahead and cut it now." He tell his war coup. What we know--we older fellows know--these young ones don't know it. So now we got some that's going to remember those things. Some of the leaders.

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I notice some of them were in that tipi where Boyce (Timmons) and the other were going in. Boyce, if he was a man (that would say,) "I want to go in, fellows, and I want to see what's going on." But he didn't say that, no. No, he didn't. When he came there he said, "I feel honored just to see that tipi," he said when he came there. "It be a honor just to be among you and see what takes place. I got honor for you people," he said. I told him, "All right. You can't go in." I told him, "We've got lots of meeting places--lots of them. Good places to meet. That Community house, it's a nice place. In that tipi," I said, "Old chiefs used to sit there--chief people. They go in. Nobody else go in, they tell me. Even our Superintendent at Concho, if he wants to come in, he can't come in. As far as the President of the United States--if he is out there and he wants to come in, no--he can't come in." That's the way the old people thing." This voice that God's given to us, we're