

Plains Indians Pow Wow. Nothing affiliated with the Five Civilized Tribes. Cherokees, Choctaws, Chickasaws. All these tribes. We had nothing to do with it. And we had one of the biggest turn-outs. Nobody around this area had ever seen--

(Did you make any money out of it?)

We made about a hundred dollars, but we could have made more if we'd had the right publicity.

(But it was just the first one--)

It was the first one. But of course, you know everybody. They were really undecided about it all the time that I was. I knew everything would be all right because I know what it's like. Because nobody around this area has ever seen a pow wow. Have you ever seen a pow wow around here at Northeastern Oklahoma?

(No, not in Tahlequah.)

Well see--this is the reason we brought a pow wow down here to Northeastern Oklahoma College. To bring this--to develop this, maybe next year we can make an annual affair. That's what we plan to do is make it an annual affair. Now even these Indians--

(As a matter of fact, I took three chances on that blanket and I didn't win it, by the way.)

It wasn't worth it. But anyway, this was the one reason that the Indian came to that pow wow. And he stayed till everything was over. He stayed till everybody else got left. Because he hadn't ever seen anything like that himself, and yet he's a Plains--a Five Civilized Tribes. He's very educated by the Indian myth and legends and folklore, heritage and everything like that. But the only thing that he has is the stomp dance. And that's difference between a Plains Indian and the--and the Civilized Tribes. Because the Civilized Tribes don't have the colorful dances like the Plains Indians do. They have the stomp dance which is not very colorful.