

INDIAN UNITY OF FORMER DAYS AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

(Was Striking First Arapaho?)

Yeah, he was Arapaho. At that time we had good bunch. Whatever they say, they used to all agree together. They helped one another. Nobody used to argue. Nobody used to, you know, do like these others does. They used to all go together. They didn't go against one another. That's why everything went good and they had good dances and everything was good. No jealousy in there. But this young generation, there's nothing but jealousy. They talk against one another and dislike one another. That's no good. I know there's some that don't like me, but I go on. I show them that I don't care. It's up to them if they come and talk to me; it's up to them if they don't.

(Well back then, like when they had that Community House on Striking First's place, were there some men that were sort of leaders in that community and sort of organized--?)

Oh, they used to--yeah, just like these--they used to have committees. Different committees every Christmas. They had good men that used to run things like that. They used to all help one another. They pull together. And they used to make things look nice. And they make a go of everything they done.

But over here you notice that some always say, "I'm gonna quit. I resign." That's what they always do over here. And that just ruins their committees.

(Where is that--at Canton?)

Over here at Barefoot. They always kick against one another. They always want to do better than others. Over there, now, like Colony, they want to be better than Colony (speaking of rivalry between Barefoot and Colony Pow-Wows). And I don't think it's right. I always say these pow-wows, they're not gambling. They're just showing what they can put out to their people--to their community. That's not gambling--that's not trying to beat one another.