

cooking venison. And all of a sudden well, here this noise coming in through the wigwam and they looked up and there was a skeleton that was walking in and his mouth was all bloody. And he came towards the man and the man was frightened. He grabbed his child and he started running with it. As he run, he got close to the spring and told his wife to throw the skin bags she was carrying the water in and to run and they would have to head back for the settlement. But they told me as far as they run and each time this skeleton would whoop, this man's wife would fall. And as she fell--she kept falling, she grew weaker and she grew weaker and she grew weaker. But he was finally able enough to get her back to the settlement in time, so naturally he run and told the chief what had happened to them at the hunting ground. So the chief was very curious. He wanted to know what the meaning of this was. He called a number of the braves together and he set out toward the same scene that the man and his wife had. They took a large pot and filled it full of venison and started to cook it. Sure enough, about midnight the skeleton appeared again. But this time they had their Indian tobacco and their Indian medicine with them. The chief he stood up and called the skeleton's hand, and asked him what was the meaning, and what did he want? The skeleton then told him, he says "You know that I'm a hunter that's been here one time. I become sick and I passed on. And my body was still left up there--this skeleton of mine was still left upstairs." But he also told him he says, "Now you have never buried us and we must go back to the earth from where we came." So this was about the first of the beginning of the Ind--Seneca Indians start burying their dead into the ground. He said, "Whenever we die, you just left us just laying on top of the grounds where we passed away at--covered us up and left us there. But we must be placed back into the earth from which we came." And then he said that "Within ten days from the time we pass on, we would like for you to give a feast such as you are giving here tonight, because we eat after we are dead. And if we are not given each meal after we are gone,"--as he told the chief, he said, "A year from each meal four years