

help the people.

ARAPAHO BANDS OR DISTRICTS

(You were talking about these bands--how many bands were there for the Arapahoes?)

I don't know for usre, but I just know about five or six.

(Could you name the ones you could think of?)

Oh, that's pretty hard to think of right now. I might leave some out. I'd rather have some older man tell you that. Cause I might leave some out that's important in the lines of their organization.

(Now I'm not talking about the clans, but rather the bands--)

Well, I might leave some out.

(Was there a band around Canton?)

No--they all formulate their own. All the Arapahoes formulated a band. And Colony and Canton and Geary and Greenfield, they all combine when they got together. Such as on land older than I was at that time--they had their certain doings. They call them together and we'd call ours together.

(How far did yours extend, in terms of area--)

Well, it covered all the Arapaho jurisdiction. Now you take the Arapahoes at the present time, they call a meeting among the chiefs, they send out cards and notify them where their meeting place is going to be in order for them to thrash out different problems of the tribe. They would call each man to attend that meeting, regardless of where he lived. We dare not designate just for Canton certain group--it covers the whole Arapaho tribe. And when we call on the Star Clan to get up, each Arapaho from the different places, they get together and they join that dance. So that's the best I can tell you.

(Well, now if the men of a certain band gathered together to thrash out some of their problems, would that be men from just all over the Arapaho country or in a certain part?)

No, just in the whole Arapaho group--tribe. For instance, if Canton wants something done around Canton, they go to maybe Geary or somewhere else and tell them what they need and what they want done. Well, they see if it's all right and they just