

Well, in a way it does. In a way it does, because, in other words, you just don't degrade yourself not going against anything like that. In other words, you're just building up your own reputation among the ceremonial people. That's what that adds up to. That's as far as I know and that's as far as I studied that. I've studied that and I have listened to the people talk about it, and just by listening to them, by looking and listening, I've learned lots of that. That's where I got my points.

BAD LUCK AND UNFULFILLED VOWS

(Have you ever heard of anybody that made a pledge and then for some reason was not able to go through with it?)

I've heard a lot of that. I've heard a lot of it. And a lot of them are still existing today that they made pledges and they never have come true. And they've had lots of hard luck by not going through with it. They have. And they have lots of hardship and they've been--now, for instance--I'm going to tell you one that I know and he's a Cheyenne. Lincoln Goodbear. He has pledged for years and years ago--maybe five or six years ago. And he's asked the tribe of the Cheyennes to help him. And he also cooked for the Arapahoes. He fed the Arapahoes, to help him. So they made a benefit dance out of it. So in turn they gave him quilts, blankets, money, and dishes and all that. That's for your benefit pertaining to your work there--the vow that you made--you're going to put up a Sun Dance. Then it goes along to where he just ignore that. Probably he have found excuse that he can't do it, or he's not able. But he's been helped so long, and he's been helped by the both tribes of Cheyennes and Arapahoes, and he even went as far as to the tribal office and asked for help from the tribal Indian money. The two sides pledged to give him so many hundred dollars from the tribe's account. And the Office in turn issued him out a check and he dispose of it and never come through with it. So it causes him to lose his mother. Lose his father. He become a sick man today, to what his condition is now. So it all adds up to that part of it. And by sending them kind of people, that's the way it adds up to on there. So that's why our Indians say, "Don't never say nothing about it, or don't