

FORTY-NINE DANCE

(Including relevant material on today's young Indians--how they get acquainted; what they do for recreation; problem of teenage drinking; fights; troubles with the law.)

(This is about the Forty-Nine Dance and I'm going to start out by asking you to tell me what is the Forty-Nine Dance like today. Just tell me anything that you want to about how they do it today.)

Well, the Forty-Nine today is a dance that they always do after the other social dances are over with and it's during the later part of the night on through the early morning. And, nowadays, it seems like most--well, all of the teenagers take part in this instead of the older people as long time ago. Now it seems like there are more people there--younger ones, drinking, and they don't have respect for the Forty-Nine as them old people did, way back.

(You said that this is done later on in the evening. Well, is this done after some other kind of dances or some pow-wows or something?)

Uh-huh, mostly after the social dances--after the war dances and round dances.

(Is it done in the summer time?)

Yeah, nearly after all the pow-wows are over.

(And where do they do the Forty-Nine?)

Oh, sometimes when they have these pow-wows it's right there. And now, teenagers have places where they can go and find their own places where nobody will bother them.

Are these places indoors or outdoors?

Outdoors, on section roads.