

their heads.

(Was your hair braided there where it was tied on?)

Yes, it was braided, and tied back and forth. And then when they remove that little elk tooth--like they removed mine when I was about going on seven I guess--they just now removed that--ohh, I was glad--they had to give horses again to remove that.

(Did you wear that all the time?)

All the time when I was a little girl, up to six or seven years of age. That's the Indian--I don't know what you want to call it--little princess, I guess. Especially if her father is a sub-chief, 'cause all the young men weren't chiefs then. They had to become like this age to become chiefs.

(Well, did every little Cheyenne girl wear an elk tooth?)

No lots of them couldn't afford it. Just very few children wore them.

FAVORED DAUGHTER:

(You called her Little Princess. Is there a word for that in Cheyenne?)

Yes.

(What is it?)

vi xoni iga ascon or nokxsi xoni ga as con, sub chief's child, or the chief's child,

(O.K. go ahead.)

Those are the very ones that were noticed how they were brought up. They were almost forced to do--go through these things. And then after she grow to be about 18, well in her teenage that's when her mother watches her close. Just have her under her apron as the white people say. Never let her go out with just any girl that come along. She had many friends but she must not go out with them. Just certain girls like a nice girl that come from good family that they could trust. And just like that.

COURTSHIP: BOYFRIENDS:

(Did all the mothers watch their daughters that carefully, or just the mothers of these--)