

And this first stop they make, a man comes out with a pipe, knowing that these men are tired, but no man is allowed to sit down. Everybody must stand up. I think maybe they carry whips. If anybody's going to sit down you know, he's going to get whipped. They scared of that. So everybody has to stand up. There's maybe 50 of them. And they--when the first stop they make, well, they give them something. It's kinda of what they call serenade. Maybe they give them 5 or 10 dollars to this playing. Or maybe she'll come out and give material to one of these men's wives that's along. Women were allowed to go along, provided if they sing with the men. Not just anybody, just to fool around there, just to be going along. They had to be the member's--of your husband, especially if he was one of the leaders, sub-chief. Now if the he's one of the leaders, I'd have to go. And that's how come I know all these songs what they sing. I'm about the only one left that knows all them songs, most of the songs. And I've forgotten most of them. I try to sing them along so I won't forget them, but if I could sing them through a mike like this, well then they could be kept up. But no one's interested anymore. And they do that all night long. And some people, if they want these men to rest, he'll bring out a pipe and fill it up and go give it to these singers. But they don't just come out and take the pipe. Well, one will take the pipe out of this one man that lives in this camp where they going to serenade. One certain man goes and gets it out of his hand. And he looks around looks for the one that's been to war--like first World War--maybe they give it to him, even if he is one of the leaders there. They give him that pipe. Well they'll sing another song. Maybe he'll dance with the pipe. And then after he gets through dancing, he'll tell his war story. How he fought the German's, or how he killed the Germans. After I throwed this grenade. Well, they'll hit the drum about that many times, just like that. And then these men will smoke the pipe that gives these other boys a chance to rest a little bit, but they can't sit down--they have to stand up and rest. No one cannot sit down. And then they give it back to these men. During that time while they're smoking, well, him and his wife--maybe a daughter in that family-- they'll be giving things away to these members wives. Or their relatives. Or they'll give to this clan--Bow String Clan