

of the men, even white men wear them today because it looks nice as a part of the dance costume. In the old times this ornament was a great honor for one to wear one as he earned it in battle for one or more honors in battle. He was the one who appointed the police or soldiers in the camp and he was the one who could stop the camp on a move on a buffalo hunt, it was decorated by eagle feathers on two small tail pieces, representing the dead on a battle field. The crow and the wolf are in the decoration as these two were scouts and finder of game, a whole eagle tail golden, was between the two small tails. The fierceness for which it stood for in battle, and the two eagle feathers stripped to imitate the arrow.

The drummers were picked by the leaders of people or men who had good voices and knew the songs that had been handed down from generation to generation. These fellows had to know slow songs, moderate songs, fast songs or charging songs, or hand to hand fighting songs and give away songs and individual songs of any man or family who asked for their own songs or family songs sometimes today they have club songs which the singers had to know by heart, and of course, there are the chorus women who have to have a good voice, sharp and clear and know how to cheer their men on. These women sat behind the men drummers. In the olden days the women stood in front of their teepees looking for their warriors, son or husband and when they saw his safe return would sing a song of thanksgiving and joy in his return. The war dance party is composed of four leaders whose job is to see that everything is in perfect order. Two tail dancers who dance a short dance or encore, if he raises his whistle or whatever he has on hand, the drummers start all over again. Then the second time there is no tail dance. The water boy is now appointed by the man who keeps the drum for a year or two. Sometimes there are two water boys, one who waters the singers and the other the dancers.

Another man, which is now extinct, is the man who lights all the pipes, cigars or cigarettes. He is one of the 4 leaders. He has to have a big box of kitchen matches by his side at all times. If you wanted a smoke at anytime you filled your pipe or took your