

these schools every week day--except Friday. He checks all these new--(unintelligible word)--first-year kids, and especially juniors and seniors, to see if they attend school regularly. Watonga, Greenfield, Canton, Longdale. I go with him sometimes. Well, those folks that could otherwise have gone if their kids were in Concho Indian School, they have to stay home and take care of their kids, or otherwise if their kids stay out of school two or three days that truancy officer sends their name to the county attorney.

(How do you think the celebration this time compares to former years?)

Well, this one was bigger, to people in general. But the direct benefits to the Cheyennes and Arapahoes was poorer. The Kiowas got all the cream, I guess. Just because their old Sun Dance lodge was due south there, towards the river, at the time of that Medicine Lodge (Treaty). Well, there were other--Cheyenne and Arapaho Sun Dances up and down from that place, around in there. But that (the Kiowa lodge) happened to be close to where they had the last Sun Dance. That's why they had that imitation--that brush lodge--there in the amphitheater. So they got all of that. Well, the Arapahoes and Cheyennes, they are different. See, the Kiowas lost their emblem or symbolism of their tribal tradition. They lost their buckskin doll (the Taimé) to the enemy. But the Arapahoes got their Pipe, petrified, and an ear of corn, petrified, with a turtle shell, petrified, and a duck's bill, and a leaf--all petrified. They still got them in that bundle. The Cheyennes got their Sacred Arrows. Well, we're governed with those things. I don't care how educated a man is, they're governed by those tribal symbolisms. So that's one thing--we don't say much. We don't say harsh words. We don't say things that are not truthful. We have to watch our lives like that. So those are the differences--even though we're all Plains people. And there's some Kiowa-Arapahoes--some of them down there and some of them up here--you know, amalgamated by marriage. I'm part Comanche, myself, and there's a lot of Comanche-Arapahoes down there, and Comanche-Arapahoes around here. Of course the