

why they invite these clans to come--to come and count coup so people can live in it. And he'll come out the second time in front of this brand-new tipi. He'll holler for Bowstrings again. He's got to name that (clan) that the boy is a member of. If it's the Bowstrings, he's got to call out the Bowstrings first. He says, "You are invited here--to this boy's--" He couldn't say "new tipi." There's a word there where he's calling them--

(What is the Cheyenne word there?)

Well, there's no other word, but this word is connected to the boy's name that is inviting. The nearest translated I can give you, for example, "You are invited by Ed Burns'." That's the nearest translation I can give you. And he'll say that each time. Call this boy's name. And that's Number Three. And all right, then those members begin to tie up their dishes. They all bring their dishes. They didn't know what these paper plates and paper cups were back then. They tie up their dishes. And one more time--they'd wait on the fourth call. Once more this crier would get up and call them again. If this boy was a Bowstring, he'd call the Bowstrings. Then second ones would be their invited guests, the Hoof Rattlers. So the Hoof Rattlers would kind of stay back, because those Bowstrings were called first. And then these Bowstrings would go and then finally these Hoof Rattlers would follow. And they'd all wait at the door. They'd all stand at the door. And this man would say, "All right, now. This tipi has just been completed for this boy. His mother just finished this. That work she's completed." It was for this fellow that's inviting. And he said, "All right, you men, we're going to enter it. Now who will come and count coup?" Well, they look at one another. Maybe this man's been to