

meeting--one of our boys in Geary--an Arapaho boy--was killed by a police, during a drunk raid. And while I had all plans made to have a good bunch of dancers and chiefs and descendants to attend that Medicine Lodge, when that happened I lost sixteen dancers and fine buckskin costumes, male and female. And I lost about nine or twelve descendants, of the signers of Medicine Lodge, from going up there. So there was a poor little old bunch of Arapahoes that went up there. But that's Arapaho custom. When you're in mourning, they mourn for a year--till the next year's grass comes up. And this boy that got killed had relatives of three or four signers descendants, by marriage or direct relationships, and they all dropped out.

(Could you tell the names of some of the Cheyennes that were talking against going up there?)

No, I couldn't. I was just talking to some of the young ones that were being discouraged, right there at the annual meeting. I didn't ask them who told them. But they said some of these old fellows were going around telling us not to go to Medicine Lodge. It was no peace treaty or nothing--look what happened to Black Kettle. Custer killed him. See, in 1864 Chivington massacred the Cheyennes in Colorado Territory, and the Cheyennes hadn't forgot that, you see. That was 1864 and three years after that Medicine Lodge come along and the minds of the Cheyennes were still refreshed with what the government did to them. So consequently Black Kettle, who was the main chief--he came to camp all right, but after he found out they was having a peace treaty he broke camp and left and the soldiers had to go out and round him up and bring him back to Medicine Lodge. There they were made to sign the treaty. But as it turned out, the following year, November 26, 1868, the Cheyennes were massacred at Roger Mills County near Cheyenne in western Oklahoma, where Black Kettle and his wife and other relatives were killed, of other chiefs.

(Where does Hailman Little Coyote live?)

He lives at Seiling.

(Is he on the tribal council?)

No.

(What's his position with the Cheyennes?)