

Yeah--that was in '36--

(Well, did she ever say what kind of dances they were doing?).

Well, we still have that kind of dances right now. What they call Round Dance.

They use victory words and all that. Plains Indians still use them songs.

(Did they always do those kind of dances after a battle?)

Oh, many, many years before that. And they still use them. The Kiowas, Cheyennes, Arapahoes, Comanches, and Apaches. The Plains--the Southern Plains tribes, we call them. They're all similar. See, they're all intermarried quite a lot and amalgamated. And there's half Comanches, and half Kiowas and half Apaches--Cheyennes.

(Interruption. Conversation resumes on another subject.)

OLD BEAR: AN OLD BLIND MAN WHO KEPT TRACK OF YEARS AND SEASONS IN HIS HEAD

--from some of these local people, I think. I want to see Carl's book here (The Carl Sweazy book) about a man that was blind that lived at Cantonment. His great-grandson lives over here close to the track. His name is Blindey. Anquiss Blindey. And I think this boy's father was the nephew of the old man that I'm thinking about. His name was Old Bear -- bɛ hɛ i.ha.x -- That means Old Bear. Aged Bear, or whatever you want to call it. And some story got out among these historians that he had purposely punched his eyes out because of his great hate of the white man--so eh wouldn't see another white man. That's not true. He was born blind. A fine looking old man. Oh, he was neat and-- But he could find his way. Well, the story about him was that up in Colorado--southern Colorado toward western Kansas, I believe it was--he strayed off too far from camp. Of course there's always young men out looking for horses, or game--something like that. They saw a bunch of buffalo coming across the river. They didn't know this camp was down in the bottom--this buffalo. So these men saw this old man, way out, all by himself. He had a stick, you know. And he hollered at him, "Hey!" he said, "Run east. Use your stick! You're gonna come to a brush. Buffalo's coming towards you." Then he said something, but they didn't hear. Anyhow, they were worried about him, so one of them kicked his horse and took