

tell it all night. Some funny stories. And they fill up the pipe again and smoke . . . They're free to go any time and they get tired--

MEN'S SOCIETIES: PENALTY FOR BEING LATE TO MEETINGS

(Did you ever attend any of these kind of smokes?)

Oh, yes. We imitate it. Not this young generation, now, but early part-- before the opening and after the opening (of the reservation)--they had organized. You heard about these clans that--this so-call Ohomo (Ohomah) Society and Blackfoot Society and Gourd Society? I belonged to the Blackfoot Society. And they had a smoke and try to meet at night, and we had story-telling in there. And dance and sing and have a good time. And everybody that belong to the organization wants to come and be in his place by eight-thirty o'clock. If he's late, they're going to quit--tardy--the chief says, "Put the bar on the door now." And so all right. And those that's already in there, they take supper and eat and after supper they commence to beat the drum and sing. Well, some late-coming come in. He's late--he belongs to the Society, but he's late. He find the door of the tipi already barred. Couldn't get in. So the password is--(knocks several times on the table). And he have to give who is it. Well, the chief tell them he's willing to sacrifice what the club wants him to do. Is he willing to take everything or do you want to pay your fine? He say, "I don't pay my fine. I'll take sort of a kangaroo court. All right. Whatever they decide for me to do, I'll take my medicine." They let him in. He comes in and sits down. Chief says, "All right. What shall we do boys? What shall we fine him? He doesn't want to pay no fine, but he says he'll do anything you all ask him to." Somebody says, "I move he give us a real good Turkey Dance while the rest of them sing for him." All right. Then they beat on the drum and they sing a Turkey Dance song. (Guy sings to illustrate) All right--this fellow has to get up and imitate a turkey. Hold his hand right in there, and go in a circle. Right in waist . . .