

mean to go borrow an ax. It meant go over there and ask for something. You're going to be given something. That's what it means. So this person goes over there--maybe a child or a young man or a young girl. He calls this man, the new chief, or the chief's wife, and says, "I have come here to borrow an ax." She'll say, "Yes, here it is." She'll search in her suitcase or somewhere and give her a shawl. "Here it is." Or dress goods. And she just came over there to beg. And maybe if she has a ragged dress where she can go borrow--it could be a knife, or it could be a stick of wood. If somebody goes and borrows from this chief--even a pole--well, he's going to give her a five dollar bill, "Here." He's not going to give her what she asked for. Just like not too long ago, before my uncle passed away, there were three men sitting visiting, just talking. My uncle said he saw a man coming towards them. He recognized this man as he got closer. His name was White Faced Bull. And he said, "You chief, I've just run up against it." And they all listened to him. He says, "I lost my rope." So my uncle took out his billfold, and gave him--"Here's your rope!"--five dollars. See, that's what it means. But a person's got to have nerve to go and do that. And you know how some people are--they don't care, just so they get what they want. But if you have respect for yourself, you're not going over there to beg.

(What was your uncle's name?)

Cloud Chief.

(What about the ceremony that the chief's wife went through so she could dance?)

Well, this is it I was just telling you about--

(The leaving of the dinner, and--)