

(I always like to ask, because I made the mistake out in the southwest of going to a dance that I wasn't supposed to be at.)

Boy! That must be real sacred.

(They just had a real hard time with white people coming in and not giving it any respect.)

Well, they can just get overbearing. They just want to go ahead anyhow, whether you want them to or not, some of them.

(At the Bread Dance, do they have any special kind of costume?)

Oh yeah. One, they just have leggings and Indian made shirt. Maybe blanket, some paint. My tribe was never much ones to use feathers. Like Comanches and Kiowa--thems the ones that use feathers.

(You said you were born in 1890?)

I was born in 1899. I'm about 68 years old.

(What's the oldest way of hair style or decoration that you can remember?)

Well, just the way I got mine now. ((his hair is combed straight back and reaches to his shoulders)) That's the way they wear their hair in the old days. The man folks never wore no braids but they do let their hair grow just about this long. Yeah. When I was a boy, you never seen no young ladies having a big --having a cigarette or wearing their dresses way up here. No, they don't do that in them days. Like you see them now.

(Was there a special school for the Shawnee children when you were growing up?)

No, the Shawnee never did have no schools in them days. By the time they started making them go to school the government build these schools. Then some of them send their kids to school. Some of them didn't believe in schools. They didn't want their kids to go to school. But they have way of writing. But just one person learned the kid how to write then go on ahead.

(No, I was wondering after talking to the Kiowas and Comanches and they always talk about Rainy Mountain School and Ft. Sill School.)

Well, white people made them schools. They wasn't no really Indian.