

Well, there's certain ceremonies they go through--that's what I'm telling you. I can't tell you what it is, but they can pick that car up there.

(Now the guys that are helping to raise the poles up have they been through this ceremony?)

It's all ceremony people you see there, yeah. Some of those boys up there-- why, you seen that boy that went in--that young kid--I seen him go in there when he was fourteen years old. Lots of them start young. If they know they're gonna be drafted, well, they go through that. Make a vow and this and that. They go through it.

(This is sort of off the subject, but I happened to think of this. What if you made a vow to go in there in the Sun Dance for your loved one to get well-- has it ever happened that somebody has made the vow but their relative has died? Then what would happen--if they didn't get well.

Well, you just have to go through it.

(Has it ever been known to work that way, where you'd make the vow and yet the person that you made it for didn't get well and then they'd have to dance?) No--everybody I know of that went through that Sun Dance--everybody got well. If somebody got cancer and the doctor give up on them, they'd make a vow and go through that Sun Dance. And that person get well. It's unbelievable.

White man don't believe it, but Indian--that's true.

TYING OF CLOTH TO RAFTER-POLES: EACH STRIP OF CLOTH A VOW

(After they put that center pole up and they started putting those rafter-poles in position--those real long pine poles? And some of them had those handkerchiefs and scarves and things tied to them--)

Just them four.

(Yes. What do those mean?)

That's a vow for every one of them flags you see up there. Somebody make a