

Incident of Violence at
Hub City Pow-wow

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There was excitement Sunday morning as the specials were concluding. A man showed up on the speaker's stand covered with blood and seeming to be bleeding profusely from head or neck wound. He had no shirt on. Henley Kaubin had been announcing and he continued, with his voice unchanged and unemotional as usual. He announced calmly that there was a man who had been badly hurt now at the speaker's stand and would his relatives please come and get him and take him to the hospital. He said he was badly in need of medical attention and needed to go straight to the hospital-- not to jail. People were standing around gasping and exclaiming, but no one rushed over to do anything or see how bad he was bleeding. Henley kept on announcing for his relatives. The wounded man was Willis Magpie, a Cheyenne. He was standing by Henley and looked dazed. Marie Haumpy was standing beside me. She knew him. Word finally came to us that he had been hit on the head behind the ear with some kind of tool or weapon. The word was that they were drunk and the man that hit him was a Mexican. A police car finally took him off, but not before Willis tried to say something over the microphone. However Henley wouldn't let him talk. About the time the police were taking Willis away, Marie spotted a woman getting into a station wagon with a man and driving off. She said she was sure that the woman was Willis' wife. Marie seemed to think that the man was her lover or something. Said the man had on a torn shirt. Her conclusion, then, was that the men had been fighting over Willis' wife.

I'm always amazed at how keenly these people can see in a circumstance like this. The fact that Marie recognized the woman getting into the station wagon, and noticed the torn shirt on her male companion really impressed me. I could not have recognized people from that distance even with my glasses, unless I was trained to observe features I do not habitually observe.

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