

No. They don't have to. When they tie them things, why they're through. But they have to tie every pole and even the center pole.

(Is there any particular thing they would use to tie on there?)

Oh, handkerchiefs and maybe a yard of something--some of them ties feathers on there. Some of them tie ribbons.

(What happened to that after the Sun Dance was over?)

I'm going to tell you--when they used to have it down here, it used to be gone the next day. They get them. White boys and colored boys used to climb and get all that material that was tied up there. It used to be bare the next day!

(Were they supposed to do that?)

They weren't supposed to do that, but they did it without anybody knowing. And I guess it was all right. Them rags were blessed and everything. Maybe they make use of them.

(Did any of the Indians themselves ever take any of those things down?)

No. No, they never did!

(What happened to the Sun Dance Lodge after it was all over?)

It just stands there until all them things falls off.

GETTING POSTS AND SOD FOR SUN DANCE LODGE

(If they have it the same place next year do they have to take it down then?)

No, they just let that center post stand. Yeah. But those Wyoming people, do you know what they do? They take those posts that hang and they save for the next dance.

(The posts that go across the top?)