

Mr. Carey: Yes.

(So, therefore, you didn't believe in the stomp?)

Mr. Carey: No I never did go to stomp dances myself.

(But they are still quite common around, aren't they?)

Mr. Carey: Oh, yeah. They have some about three times a year.

Around here in this part of Oklahoma they have, oh, I'd say four or five stomp dances each year.

(Do they have large turnouts for 'em?)

Yes. Some people go deep for it.

(Well, is it still a religious ceremony for 'em like it used to be or is it got so it's more or less just a social gathering?)

Mr. Carey: No. It's got two place around there I know of. They do it, oh, twice a year. And this is they have kept it up so many years they don't want to lose it.

(So it's still sacred to them. That's still their religion. What stomp dance places are those if you can think of them or can name them for me?)

Mr. Carey: Well, one of 'em is over there close to Vian.

(Is that Stoke Smith?)

I think so. I don't know who's running it now. Stokely Smith did run it, but I don't know who is now. Another one is over around Chewie. Chewie, Oklahoma. I don't know who runs that one. Over here close to Vian now they keep fire up over there all the time. It never does go out.

(It's supposed to be a sacred fire, isn't it?)

It never does go out. The reason why I said it, they have somebody to always keep the fire. Rain, snow, or otherwise, they always got a fire. May not mean a thing at times, but there's always a fire