

kind of law to go by, didn't they?)

Huh-huh.

(Who made these laws--did the chief?)

Right. The chief. But we had a council.

(The council, huh--)

Yeah they did. You say what they want, and the council vote for it.

CLAN LAWS - MARRIAGE CEREMONIES

(They must have had put down a list of laws that you had to follow. Like I know seem like the Osages kinda had high morals. They just didn't marry just anybody back in them days. I mean you couldn't marry a first cousin, like, that.)

No, you can't do that.

(Yeah.)

You are not allowed to do that.

(And they seem like they kinda chose who they wanted for you and they look up backgrounds.)

Just so it was in your clan. Just like this mother, aunt, or if he had a sister. They don't say nothing. They were looking all the time. If they see somebody they see the way he does. They watch every movement they make. The girl's father, and mother, and then aunts, they do the same thing, you know. They watch and see the boy. They watch them, and if it's the girl they watch her, too. If they find out that's what they want and they get together. They finally get together. The relation get together and talk it over. They want that girl or that boy. They have a conference over them together, and maybe some of them don't like it. They'll say something about that boy or girl and they don't want it. Sometimes they get mad and go on. When all said and done, then they hire four men. These four men, they talk to them, then they say something to the girl's father, or mother or whatever it is. They ask them about what side, they ask the man's daughter then they