

PRELIMINARY CONVERSATION: RECENT INTER-TRIBAL GATHERING AND GOURD DANCE

--I told my grandson, "You don't have to dance. Just take your clothes off and go play around." And he didn't dance that night. It was too cold to stand around. And it was camp. And then we were quite a ways from where they danced--we were way at the north end. It was hard to get there.

(Is there a leader for the Cheyenne and Arapaho dancers?)

Well, we had Roy Nightwalker for the leader for both of them. He was the one that was the leader of the dance. He used to dance with these--well, we all danced. But he was the leader.

(Do any of the Arapahoes or Cheyennes sing?)

Yeah.

(Who are some of their singers?)

Well, there's Roy Nightwalker and Hailman Little Coyote and Marvin Black and Jimmy Warden, John Old Man. Oh, there's a bunch of them. Joe Hoof, Issac Smoker--all them, they sing.

(Were they there at this celebration?)

No, they wasn't all there. Just Jimmy Warden and Roy Nightwalker and Hailman Little Coyote. But Hailman little Coyote came back--he used to come back home at night. He was driving a school bus at Seiling, you know. And he used to have to make it back. Well, they had a good time. It was pretty good. But it was too cold. At night it used to get cold.

(Did they have it on Friday, Saturday and Sunday?)

On Friday night they had dance. Friday morning they kind of a parade. And then that afternoon Gourd Dancers danced--them Apaches--Kiowa-Apaches.

They danced all afternoon by themselves. Then in the evening the host tribe had a dance. Oh, I tell you, them Apaches never get tired of this Gourd