

(Did you say that these people that are participating in it--that they're sort of the same age?)

Yeah.

(And how would they be selected--how would they get to be a member?)

Well, they just know they have to go. They didn't have to be selected. They knew they belonged there. They just went. They didn't have to go select them. It was up to them if they want to dance. It's up to them if they wanted to join it. That's the way it was.

WHY MYRTLE'S HUSBAND DID NOT JOIN A LODGE

(Did your husband belong to one of these?)

No. My husband didn't belong to nothing. He was better off without them.

(Why do you say that?)

Well, he didn't want to join. We want to live the way we wanted to live. And the way we want to raise our children. We didn't want to go through all these pledges or anything like that.

(Why--is it pretty hard?).

It's pretty hard for anybody to be in them groups. They have to look to this other one--they have to see how they are. And they just got to help take care of somebody else's family. And we had a family we had to take care of ourselves (You mean like members of these Tomahawks--they had to sort of help look after each other?)

Yeah, that's the way it was.

(Could a man go through all of these lodges if he wanted to?)

Yeah, it's up to them--it's up to anybody that wants to go through it. They went through it. Before any of them brought to it, all these people that used to lead it was gone. So they don't do nothing like that any more. They just all gone. And I don't think there were very many people know anything about these Tomahawks. I don't think so. I never did hear of them putting up one--just always Sun Dance.

(Would there be like one man out of these Tomahawks that was maybe the leader of the rest of them, or chief?)

No. Just all even. They don't have no chief.

(Like, if a man decided to pledge this Tomahawk Lodge, would he have to go to someone to see about putting it on or anything?)

No.

(How would he announce it--?)

Just announce it that he was going to put it up and they used to just put poles around and put canvases. It used to be open towards east. And then if they know that they belong there, they used to come in there and pick out their