

I didn't--I wasn't there when he give dance, and when he told them which is which. I wasn't there so I don't know nothing about it. And you know I don't like to tell what I don't know. I don't like to make it up. Just what I know, is all I can tell.

(Well, about the time Rosie was taken in, would they be having it; like, once a year or twice a year, or--?)

Oh, they got it Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. That was the days they used to have it. Not just go and show off with it everywhere, all over. And then these people from here, they went and showed the Colony people. And the Colony people had a dance like that. They used to fight when they dance it. Girls used to get jealous of one another. At Colony.

(Would it be like the Cantoment girls getting mad at the Colony girls or--?)

No. These girls, they were all right. They took it just the way it was explained to them. They didn't go and want to be better than anybody over it. Because they didn't dance all the time--unless there's a gathering somewhere--of course they have to get out there and dance. I say, them dances they had respect for them. They didn't play with them. They won't dance anytime they want them. But these young people, the way they're doing--I believe they dance this Gourd Dance every week. That's just playing with it. You'd never see this Gourd Dance for maybe for a year or two. Somebody had to make a pledge to put up that kind of a dance. And that's the only time we used to see it. But this every day--I don't care for it.

CHRISTMAS CAMPS, IN CANTON AREA

(Back when they used to be having this Round Dance on Thanksgiving and Christmas and Easter--where would they have it?)