

INTRODUCTION

I am Janie Blalock Logan. I belong to the Shawnee Tribe, adopted Peoria. And we--I take interest in the Green Corn at White Oak. I am one of what they call "Buchaleese" (?) down there.

(The what?)

The Buchaleese.

(The Buchaleese?)

Uh-huh.

(What does that mean?)

That means we are to get the wood and keep the fire and water and--just, there's four--eight old ladies and two Buchalees (?) is to keep them in water and whatever there's done. Do their running around for them. And this--you know whenever--do their errands for them.

DANCES

(And this is for the Bread Dance?)

That's for all the dances at the--White Oak.

(How many dances do they have at White Oak?)

Three a year. The Bread Dance in the spring, and Green Corn in August. And then they have a Bread Dance again in the fall. And then they also have Buffalo Dance, oh, just several days after the Green Corn in August.

(What is the meaning of the Buffalo Dance--do you know?)

No, I really don't know, even though my father belonged to the--was the head of the Buffalo Dance, but I never did ask him any questions about it.

(Well, I wondered if it was like the Buffalo Dance they dance at the pow-wow?)

No. It's altogether different. Altogether different. The men--they have a row of men and a row of women dancing together. And they make a corn meal mush, one sweet and one salty. And they dance around this mush and when they get through, why they eat this mush.