

DANCES

Well, for one thing we have at White Oak, we have what they call Bread Dance in spring--spring Bread Dance. And we have another ceremony dance, we call Thanksgiving Dance. It's better known as Green Corn Dance. It's along about August. Then we have another dance, they call a Bread Dance, is Fall Bread Dance, which is along about October. Those are the ceremonial dances we have. We have them day time. The ceremony, we have day time. And we have dances at night, 'course they are social dances--some people call Stomp Dance. But it's a social dance for anybody that want to take part, have a good time. That's what we have them for 'specially the visitors. We know that other tribes outside of our tribes, doesn't know our ways--in ceremony ways, but whenever we do have those dances in day time, we are glad. We ask them to take part. We like to have helpers--as I say, there is just a few of us. It looks very nice to get help and have a bunch of us get in there and put on this ceremonial dance. And all we ask to help us and we ask people to help us, we don't forget anybody from coming in and take part. We want them to have good time to have a dance. And the social dances, there's so many people knows that kind of a dance after night--after night dance, social dance--different tribes knows their kind of dances. The Shawnees, Delawares, Creeks, Seminoles, Yuchis (or Euchee) and Cherokees. They have that same kind of a dance they call Stomp Dance--better known as Stomp Dance. Which that's--but the beginning with on that social dance--stomp dance as some people calls, you take the Creeks. They have a highly respect for that kind of a dance, because they have a ceremonial dance with that--in their tribe--tribal ways. And Cherokees does too. And Yuchi (or Euchee) tribe they have highly respect for that, and Seminoles. But still they use that same dance at nights too, for social dances, but they speak out in different ways so they can understand it in Indian language--of their own language and also in English language where everybody can understand what it's all about. And also the reason why they do that, so their younger generation now can understand--that can't understand