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MYRTLE LINCOLN, ARAPAHO

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GENERAL SUBJECT: ARAPAHO PARTICIPATION IN CHRISTIAN CHURCHES  
AND NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH; BEHAVIOR OF TEENAGE INDIANS  
TODAY IN CANTON DISTRICT; COUNTING IN ARAPAHO

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

INDIANS JOINING CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN EARLY DAYS  
THE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH  
THE MENNONITE CHURCH  
INDIAN CHURCH PARTICIPATION TODAY, INCLUDING FUNERALS  
ARAPAHO CHURCH HYMNS  
MORE ON CHURCH INVOLVEMENT  
NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH  
HAND GAMES  
RABBIT DANCE  
ARAPAHO TEENAGERS IN CANTON DISTRICT TODAY AND CONTRAST  
WITH OLD DAYS  
MORMON CHURCH AND JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES  
ARAPAHO AND CHEYENNE YOUTH FIGHT EACH OTHER  
RELUCTANCE OF INDIANS TO JOIN WHITE CHURCHES  
CRITICISM OF MYRTLE FOR TEACHING ARAPAHO WAY TO WHITES  
MYRTLE'S EXPERIENCE TEACHING ONE WHITE MAN  
MORE ON TEACHING WHITES AND CRITICISM FROM INDIANS  
INTERMARRIAGE BETWEEN CHEYENNES AND ARAPAHOS  
COUNTING IN ARAPAHO: ARAPAHO TERMS FOR NUMBERS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Myrtle Lincoln was born at Cantonment June 25, 1888. Her father was Bad Man, an Indian policeman, and her mother was Red Feather. Myrtle was an orphan by the age of 13. A grandmother helped raise her, and later an aunt took her but she stayed at Cantonment boarding school much of the time. Myrtle's marriage to Howard Howling Buffalo or Howard Lincoln was arranged by her uncle, Coal Fire. Myrtle and Howard had seven children, two of whom--daughters--are living today. One son was killed in World War II, and two other sons were killed in local accidents. Myrtle and her husband supported themselves by farming on tribal land and doing farm labor for neighboring white farmers. They moved to a place near Cantonment in 1936, and Myrtle has lived at this place ever since. Myrtle has also worked as a cleaning woman in Canton. She now lives on a very small Social Security allotment and a small income from a land lease. She is well-known to Indians and whites in the Canton area and her status as a Gold Star mother has earned her a great deal of respect. She appears to be in very good health, for her age, and is active and quick and alert.

INDIANS JOINING CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN EARLY DAYS

(Tell me about some of the churches you have belonged to and maybe you can tell me about the history of some of these