

that's the only way the Arapahoes would gather together to have a dance and give away to certain party that they want to be recognized. That's where the pow-wows started from. But nowadays, they just advertise the dates and the place of the setting of the pow-wow for all the tribes that want to participate and come in and camp with the Canton group. In the years gone by they used to have some right here right across the road--on the other side of the creek. That's just about half a mile northwest of here.

(Whose place was that?)

That was Old Man Hoof's place. That's where the younger element got a hold of it and made different program--which way they want to carry on their program. And pick out officers to carry on the pow-wow. They'd hold it for two years, and it's still going on that way.

(Hold their office for two years?)

Yes. That way they get started collecting their donations for the pow-wow the following summer during the winter months. Years back the Arapahoes never did have any donation dances toward the pow-wows. They just went ahead and call their band together--certain group came to visit them, so they designate a place for an encampment, so they can greet their friends, you know, by camping with them. And certain days for them to give presents to their visiting friends. So people from all over the different tribes come in and participate.

ARTHUR'S EXPERIENCE WAR DANCING

I, for myself, I don't want to brag too much on myself--which everybody knows I was a good dancer--and when one of my brothers went to Haskell and he came back from school, he asked me, "Do you know how to dance this War Dance?" I said, "Yes." He said, "Teach me." I taught him. And he was one of the outstanding dancers. So when he got into good competition he'd fall on me because I was a little younger and I could get around. Well, we used to dance that Acrobatic Dance. They don't dance it now. We went through certain movements. We had to keep time with the drum. Did this Acrobatic Dance and one thing and another. And another