

Well, Judy, the best of my knowledge, the last Arapaho Sun Dance was been held at Cantonment Indian Agency reserve in the year of 1939. That was Arapaho Sun Dance. So the sponsor of the Sun Dance was Noble Prentis, Arapaho, from Calumet, Oklahoma. He was Arapaho. And that's the last of the Arapaho Sun Dance. Since then, well, it has dissolved.

ARAPAHO SONGS AND SINGING

(Pause)

Now I'm going to go into the singing part of our program this afternoon, and the first song will be the Arapaho Flag song. (Sings the song, beating time on a box). You will note that there's Arapaho words in the Flag Song. It explains same as English words where the national anthem is played, which is, "May our flag long wave." That's what the Arapaho words also mean, pertaining to the Flag Song. So the next group of songs I will sing is Arapaho original War Dance Songs. These is only Arapaho original War Dance Songs.

(Sings one song.)

Now this (the preceding) is original Arapaho Chief Song, for chiefs, when they have a newcomer--replacing some former member of the chiefs. Maybe they adopt a new young man to take the place of this man who has gone beyond, and he takes place of the chieftainship, and this song is sung by the drummers. That's original Arapaho Chief Song. Now the following song is a war dance song. Original.

(Sings four songs)

Now this last songs I have sing is known as Arapaho Smoke Song. That's when they take their smoke period--a break. Now the third group of songs I'm going to sing is better known as War Bonnet Songs, when the Indians, in the early days, they used to be looking for their enemies. And when they'd come back they'd tell their war stories, who they scalped and how many scalps they brought back, and they put up a big old Victory Dance. But this is what we call War Bonnet songs.