

"49" Dances

When you go to a "49" you can expect just anything. I don't know where the word came from, but the "49" is one of the oldest dances that there is. It came out before the war dance and the round dance.

(Was this something that was done by the teenagers in the past?)

No, it was done by the older people, in the past. It was done mostly when the males, young warriors, would go out and fight. And before, they would dance all night. And then the old people got a lot of respect for this "49." They really do. But now, it's changed in the years. Now it seems when teenagers go out there, all they want to do is drink. And there is a few of them that goes out there, you know, that has a good time and really enjoys themselves, and then the rest, well, they want to fight, you know. They try and steal each other's girl friend or boy friends.

(Do they do some of the more modern dances?)

You mean white people's dances? Yeah, they have these...they call them teen hops, you know, used to be bop hops, but now they call them teen hops, and they have an Indian band, I forgot the name of it, but during the Indian Fair, they play over there at the Indian Fair. All the real young ones go there, and then after that's over, they have "49's" sometime.

(Do they have them every night after the pow-wow?)

Yeah. They have them every night after the pow-wow.

(When do they sleep?)

They sleep during the day...most of them sleep during the day.

(About the geneology....I didn't understand you said....)

RELATION OF ELLA LOU AND HER HUSBAND'S FATHER

My husband's father is married to my grandmother.

(Is he your grandfather?)