

(You mean, there just sort of out in the country?)

Uh-huh. Yeah.

(What do they use for music?)

Well, they have their own Forty-Nine singers--men. Most of them are men.

They're all young and they all know the songs. Most of them are Kiowas.

(Are there any boys from the other tribes like Comanches or Apaches that sing Forty-Nine songs?)

There are very few.

(Do they have any kind of musical instruments?)

No, the only thing they have is the drum.

(Do they have to have a drum?)

Well, on some of them they don't.

(What would they do if they didn't have a drum?)

Oh, they'd look for a tub...maybe a box and use that.

(...or a washtub?)

Uh-huh, a washtub or a barrel.

(...but they do have to have some kind of...)

...something to beat on.

(I see. What kind of drum do they use if they have a drum?)

Well, it's like these pow-wow drums but only it's a little smaller.

(They just hold it in their hands?)

Yes, it takes about three or four of them to hold it.

(How many people attend one of these dances?)

Well, sometimes there's quite a few and then sometimes there are a few. It's usually after these celebrations like 4th of July or maybe an annual dance--is when there are quite a few. Maybe there's a dance for just one night--well, there'll be a few to go out to some place on a section road and have a Forty-Nine.