

and they put it into the songs.

(You mean they are some place else besides the Forty-Nine Dance when they think of it?)

Uh-huh. A lot of times, they'll sit there and sing a Forty-Nine song over and over and they try and find words to put in there.

(When did you first start going to the Forty-Nine Dances?)

Well, when I was about 14. I went to one and I wasn't too interested in it.

And then when my grandmother, Rose, started teaching the field school, well that's when I start going to these Forty-Nines and it didn't take long to learn these songs. About, it's been about 4 summers now. I know quite a few of them, but as for the Comanches, some of their songs. I don't know, neither the Apaches; their songs.

(You said that you started going when you were about 14. Do you remember the first one that you ever went to?)

The first one that I ever went to was down at Henry Achilta's creek. And I was about 14 then--or maybe even younger--because they were having a big pow-wow down there. But I didn't dance all night over an hour.

(Where is that?)

That's--you know where Boone Store is?

(Yeah)

Well, it's just right west of there, in a creek bed. I think Lena (Achilta, Henry Achilta's wife) was having a dance for her boy who was in the service at that time. And we weren't camped--we were livin' out to the old home place and that's when Blackie (Chalepah, Ella Lou's uncle) first married Sallie. So she asked me to get in the Forty-Nine and I think that's the first and last one Sallie has ever went to. That's the first and last time that I've ever seen her dance..

(Were they already married then?)