

understand. There was something about a woman putting tobacco on the drum
 Could you tell me about that? What it means?)

THE DANCE AND REMARRIAGE TRADITIONS:

Well, that's way back in tradition. I know of it but it's never been published. You have seen these prairie tribes honoring somebody? Now, we don't take so much time. As she said this wasn't a war story. It was a story of appreciation. It's a story of one honoring that person that uh... due to the fact that he was there because this man was married to a part Caddo and Delaware woman, but he's remained single. Now she goes and gives him this blanket and that leaves him free in case he wants to go and marry somebody else. He'd have the liberty to do that. Now that's one indication of that. She said, "I appreciate his help." So now she said, "This is the only opportunity we have to according to old tradition." So that covered a whole lot which she didn't come out and say. So we know what that whole means. Like if we had any of us, if she had said something, I could have made a shirt for him or somebody else could have made mocassins and other ones could have made leggins or something like that, and in the old days they picked the party down to the river or down to the stream and their sisters-in-law would all you know, bathe him clean him up dress him and any of the older people would come and tell him, "Now that your time is up, you're free to remarry." That's the indication of that. And this appreciation why he always comes. He's a Wichita Max Thomas. And he's a Wichita and he's helped right along with the singing. He's always there to help. Since his musical ability has acquired lot of the Caddo songs. So he knows a lot of the dances as we dance them. So he always helps with the singing and so that is one reason why she done that. See she put that tobacco there for tobacco leads in all our deals. Like if anyone was sick, why we'd go ahead and get a piece of tobacco and