

Yes, uhuh. Yes it is.

(I don't think I saw anyone wearing those.)

Well, they don't now, but we had some of the older women that used to wear them a lot. Gladys Jones has a whole outfit that she wears when they have that bread dance at Shawnee. She said she lost one of her leggings when she wasn't watching and she had it off. Oh, we had more fun over it.

(What about the men? I noticed that when we went to that dance that none of the men had any costumes on. Did they ever wear any costumes for the dance?)

Well, they wear that shirt and today, see..they used to wear leggings. Several of them have costumes, but they won't take the trouble you know to dress. See, Melford (the chief) just had a shirt on, an Indian shirt. They wear the shirt and maybe some times they wear a shawl around the waist you know, just come to their knee where the fringe,..that's the way they used to wear them but they have I think three types of leggings that they could make. There's the bead embroidery or either the ribbon work and then the regular just the common buckskin with the full fringe. That shows it all in those pictures that I have.

(Have there been any efforts to get the men to wear the costumes like the...?)

Well, they used to wear them when they did the straight war dances all they ever done. They didn't go in for this fancy war dances. Ralph Meroe has a whole outfit. Just once in a great while that he picks up anything and wears it. Otherwise they don't. Whenever that hits them that's when the customs wrong. So that each, a lot of our older people had costumes and whenever they're put away that's what they wear.