

RABBIT SOCIETY DANCE:

(Louise, I wonder if we could tak today about the Apache Rabbit Society Dance?)

Well, the Apaphes, I know, they used to..when they got a child that they like, and their own child or their grandchildren, well the parents could say, well someday I'm going to have a Rabbit Dance for the children and some people could come and they serve, of course.. they eat. And one day they tell them people they going to have Rabbit Dance in somebody's home. Alright, they come over..a bunch of them..of course, them days wagon days, they come over and they; oh there's the people they have some eats..meat, fry bread, something like that. They bring them up where they have big tipi set. And, the man could sit way there above, you know, on the west side. Of course, children everybody all around, and well he sits there and he put big knife down there and he says, well, everybody's going to dance. Nobody don't dance, they's gonna cut their sleeve off, Course they children, and whenever they start to singing a song, and they sing this song, and when they keep on singing and all the children just jump up make their eats (put their hands to their head to make rabbit ears)..yaa, yaa, yaa, so many songs they sing. Then they sit down. After a while they sing again for them and they keep singing dancing, dancing, dancing, and when they get through dancing, well they several songs they sing, and they get up. Well, they say everybody got their buckets or dishes brought in? Course the parents they all outside. And they bring in their food inside the tipi and they dish up all the children. they dish up all the children to eat,