

there. You can't carry it on, and these two get married. 'Cause you going to mingle with these sisters of yours. Respect them as sisters. You're not supposed to talk to them, or play with them, or tease them. Respect them." (And he said, "If you, one of you members marry one of your sisters, he said that's going to separate you. It's either the boy or the girl. For that reason," he said, "I don't want you to let the members flirt with their sisters." And he told them, he says, "Whenever your sisters come to join you in your dance--in your meeting--welcome them. The blankets that you have on--the pretty blankets--go put them where they going to sit. Sit them opposite from the door." I told you Wa'a tan--that's the name of that place opposite from the door--that's the best place for your visitors. That's where they use to let their first born sons or daughters have bed there in around tipi. And that's where they put their sisters. "After you pile your blankets, your pretty blankets--" some used to have beaded blankets, made out of maybe, porcupine quills at the time before the beads. "No matter how pretty it is, spread them on the ground for your sisters to sit on. And," he says, "These sisters are going to be life members if they stay to be old maids. But the minute your sisters get married," he said, "That's the end. They're no members any longer after they married." And the chiefs use to change off. Every ten years they used to elect new chiefs, every ten years. All these what we call sub-chiefs, the door keepers and these other leaders I've mentioned and these girls, maybe if they want to. They replace other girls in their place. Of if one gets married before the ten years is up, well she has to replace a nother girl in her place. Maybe these other girls are old maids. These three other girls and this one is married. She's the one that has to replace another girl. It doesn't have to be her sister, or maybe some other nice girl. They didn't pick out just any old girl. They pick out the best girl in that--among the Cheyennes and she become a member. And I don't know this one thing--I never did ask. These Bow String Clan did not dance like these other clans do. The only thing that this wolf ordered them to do was have a dance every summer, just once a year, and dance around the camp, even if it takes all night. He said "Finish the last camp, just before the sun comes up." And there they dance to