

tie it to the center of that--I guess you read about it--tie it to the center pole. And they dance and go around this--they couldn't go plumb around because they had those ceremonial sticks and ceremonial buffalo head. And things right west of this center of this Sun Dance, center pole was there. They had decorate that with ceremonial paint. And so therefore they couldn't go plumb around. Maybe they just had--wherever they were put to stand--these dancers that pierce their flesh--see they made a vow too. Maybe he almost lost his mother or his child, his wife--well he gives that--made that vow. He's going to suffer and they dance. They dance hard and all of a sudden maybe they jerk. Whenever their flesh come--you know--they tear their flesh--that was the end. They went through lot of suffering. That's what the government kicked out again. And that's why it's, "all right you have Sun Dance, but don't have that where they pierce their skin and run through that buffalo rope, buffalo string." That's the reason he had to get his permission to make sure that they didn't do that.

(Well, did otherwise except for that, did they mind if they had the big camp and big ceremony?)

NO.

WAR DANCE CLAN:

(Well, some other time I'll ask you a little more about that--the Sun Dance and so forth, but on this big camp, now--oh, while they were all together--the different clans had their tents pitched in the middle. Well, what about during the rest of the year; did they have a tent set up any place then?)

No, just only that time. Only years ago when I was a little girl, maybe that was the last. But about four or five years ago, they had this War Dancing Clans. Not these different people. These were different clan, like Bow String Clan. They had ceremonial ways. Not these that you see these war dance today--these fancy feather wary dancers. And they had thier meeting over here about this--my Uncle Cloud Chief that I mentioned-- he was a chief. His son was one of the headmen in that War Clan. And about five years ago they had a dance at Watonga. They elected officers. They also have, I think, two women members in there. And they had that dance in there. And they can have these different clans can have dances, like