

who died) costume. So that's where Alfred come in as the Whip again.

Alfred: I don't have costume of my own (then).

Evelyn: See, really, that costume--Ace and them give to our son that's out in California, but he wasn't here. He couldn't be here at that time to accept it.

Alfred: He liked it.

Evelyn: He danced all right. He was one of the first boys to dance it. That's Jake. So Alfred's got that costume, you know.

(Is that the one you use now--the one with those morning glories on it--?)

Uh-huh. Gertie made that. It really was Blackie's (Alfred's other brother). During the war time he went to the service and he done a little war dancing and she fixed that apron. It was just the apron she fixed. So she had to do it all over again when they revived this dance, you know.

(Well, that day in 1963 when you took over again, how did they do it?)

Did they come after you and get you?)

Well, they kinda played tricks on me. I took my wife up there. She's a cook, you know. Well, I take her wherever there's something going on, you know. Take her down and she's a cook--chef or whatever you call it. I took her over there. I left the kids home. I already made plans. I said, "I'm gonna go down here and just let you off and then I'll come home and stay here. Somebody could bring you home." So I took her over there and I seen a bunch of boys sitting there at Ray's tent. They all come out and wave at me just like that, you know. Dr. Bittle was over there. I went over there. I'm just like a ground-hog--