

besides, I'm a charter member of the National Congress of American Indians and I had a chance to go to Portland, Oregon at their convention this year. The seventh of October, I think it was. They come to me. I said, "No, I'm staying right with this Medicine Lodge (celebration). I want it to be successful because it is the centennial celebration." I could have probably been paid four hundred some-odd dollars to go up there and back, in a week. But I refused to go.

(But the reason most of these Arapahoes whose names are on this list didn't go was because of that boy that got killed?)

Yeah, because of that boy.

(Before you left Medicine Lodge did they count up the money they'd taken in at the gate? Did they divide it among the tribes?)

No. You mean, this time? No. I know I had them eleven dancers and my drummer--Jim Warden--he helped me check all of that. And his wife helped us check. But I don't know how many and I don't know where this money went and I don't know how they divide it or anything. But anyhow, that's what happened.

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(Had you been up there before?)

I've been up there five times. Took five bunches. And them old folks were good old folks. They responded and they all had tipis. But our trouble this time is that since the change of departmental policy, where we used to send all our kids--Cheyennes and Arapahoes--to Concho Indian school, they are attending public schools in the various towns in the seven counties. Maybe two or three schools in one county. I know there's four or five schools in Blaine County--Geary, Watonga, Greenfield, Canton, Longdale--schools where our kids attend now. Well, because of that, and the old folks has died out that used to help them take care of the kids, and now the young folks has to stay home and take care of their kids. We have a man right from this town--he used to be the principal here--he has the state job--he's kind of like a truancy officer. He goes to all