

Oh, long in the thirties.

CADDO GHOST DANCE:

(Where did they hold their dance?)

Up at Canton between--down toward the river between Eagle City and Conaton--down along the river there. That's where Heap-of-Crows lived. Well, they had it at Carlton once or twice. Oh, young people go in there and dance just for fun, I guess. But they have no faith in it. But they just dance because old folks dance. But the Caddoes--when Sitting Bull brought this dance--the Arapahoes took this dance to the Caddoes and the Kiowas. Well, the Kiowas accept it, and carry it on for a good many years till about 1913, I think, was the last dance I saw down there. But the Caddoes--every year--now this year they had it southeast of Binger, somewhere. They know all the Arapaho songs, with the Arapaho words in 'em, just like you're in a Arapaho camp, but of course you're at the Caddo. Right now. And they dance five days. And the last day they dance all night. And they make all the Arapahoes feel at home when they come there. Feed you good, fix you a place to sleep. And you dance with 'em. I just went over there and looked on twice. But the Caddoes carries it on now. Course, they've composed new songs, since, but all the old songs, back in 1918--they still use them songs--with Arapaho words. And I just wondered now how well they have preserved it. But that's the only--you might say--open dance outside of their Corn Dance--this Green Corn Dance, they call it. But this is their religious dance--that old Ghost Dance.

(Do you remember the names of any of the Caddo people that are carrying that on today?)

I don't know of any now, but I did know about fifteen or twenty years ago. They all died out. There's one old chief they had, his name's Hoag (pronounced something like Hug). I forgot his first name. And there was one we always called White Bead. And another one, Lone Hat (or Long Hat), and the other one, I think, was Old Man Coffee. Those are the only four I remember. Course, there was a Wilson Boy. Young man--he was a mixed blood but I don't know whether he died or who his people are.

(Do they still have these Ghost Dance meetings? The Caddoes?)