

DANCE OF THE BOWSTRING CLAN

(What kind of a dance step do they use in the Bowstring Clan dances?)

They don't hop around--they just stay in one place. Just like this Gourd Dance. It's like that. They raise their heels--they're supposed to lift up their heels like this. They don't just dance any certain way--they got to raise their heels up.

(Do the women that are singing do that?)

No. They didn't like to dance. It's just the young girls that are elected to their "sisters" that dance with them. They call them their "sisters." They don't call them "the girls". They call them "Bowstring Clan sisters."

(When they are doing this dance that lasts all night, is this also at a time when all the Cheyennes are together camped in this big circle?)

Yes.

(Is there any way they pick out where they're going to stop and dance when they're dancing all night?)

Yes. They could pick out the other clans' camp. And then when the other clans have their (dances), they go to this Bowstring camp.

(Is it the tent of the other clan or is it the tent of some member of the other clan?)

What do you mean?

(When they have this camp circle and all the clans have their tipis on the inside--would they go to those tipis that are on the inside?)

You mean these where they start from, in the center? No. They don't bother those. They don't necessarily have to have tipis at the center. Just whoever invites them. See, the members like from