

they got to dance all night. When they make a mistake. See, they sing those songs. In other words, they're teaching the young members these songs. They all sit around and maybe all of them are supposed to sing. So when these old members die away the young ones carry on. And they used to encourage all these young boys at a certain age to go and join some Clan. They said, "That's the only way you'll be recognized--if you join a clan. Otherwise you will not be recognized. People don't know who you are--your name and your parents. If you go there they got to introduce themselves." These little boys. I know mostly about these Bowstrings. I don't know about these other clans. Maybe they're about the same. My father used to say when these little boys came to the door, he said there were two clans that used to stay together all the time. There were these Hoof Rattlers and the Bowstrings. The Bowstring was put on the south side. The tipis were always facing east. But if it's in a circle of a camp, these tipis on the north side face south, and these tipis on the south side face north. And these on the west side face east. And when these little boys come to the door--see, my father was the Doorkeeper--him and another man. And they're supposed to be very courteous. There's no word for "hello" (in Cheyenne) but there's such a thing as welcoming somebody. They talk to them and say, "You come to join us?" And these two Doorkeepers, when they're alone with their own clan, they sit side by side of the door. So when the other Hoof Rattlers are with them--see, they have two Doorkeepers too--they have to sit on one side. The Bowstrings are on one side and the Hoof Rattlers on this other side. And when the little boys come, naturally those Hoof Rattlers want those little boys (for members), and same way with the