

If there were several different bands that camped in different places--would there be members of the Bowstring Clan in each one of those bands?)

No. Well--

(What I was trying to find out, would the Bowstrings always be camping together in one camp?)

No. They were married, maybe, into the Sotah, or maybe into Red Moon (band), or Cantonment (band). They're scattered. But this is the only time they come together.

(Would they have this ceremony around a new tipi if they're camps were scattered out?)

No. Just whoever was around there. Just like if I finished a tipi right now, I would invite just the Clinton Indians--whoever of the menfolks were at home.

(I see. So you might not have the whole membership present?)

No, no. You just invite men in that case. They don't have to belong to that clan. Just Tom, Dick and Harry can come and eat if I finish a tipi, and if I have fixed it so there's one man in there to count coup for me. They never enter a new tipi without counting coup. No.

(But in case they invited the Bowstring Clan, would they want to get all of the members together to come or would there be some of them camped far off?)

No, no, no. They have to notify them ahead of time to come together a certain day. And then they don't go right in where they're invited from, like a house. If I invite the Bowstrings, they can't just come in yet. They are going to stand around out there until this crier calls for them four times. Then they come in. If it's