

valley after him. And he knew they couldn't cross that, so he just showed them his arrows and took out. And them Utes didn't find no place to cross. So the Arapahoes got away with them ponies. Travelled day or two until they got past the divide. They said, "Well, let's stop here. Rest our ponies. Maybe cook us a meal." So there's a little patch of timber. On the edge of that timber a whole herd of elks took out from there. They must have been resting in the shade or something like that. So them boys killed one or two of them. And of course they rested and unpacked their ponies. And what belongings they had, that they can pack. So this brother said, "No, right here, at this place where we are--we're gonna be here long enough--so I'm going to have my brother's name changed. You see what he did--seen his record and know his record." They said, "All right." So the older ones got together and sat down and talked. So after they had all ate and dressed up, they got together. They said, "We're going to change this boy's name." His brother announced it. So his name, "You see all these elks that ran out from this timber. As many of them as there was? Give us meat to eat from them? So my brother's name will be changed to 'Many Elks'--by your own personal experience, by what you saw here, where we're stopping now. You'll be know from here on 'as 'Many Elks'." So then when they got rested a day or two, they started back to their country--either going back northeast or east to Colorado or north toward Wyoming. So when they came back to camp, everything was reported. They all returned safe with a lot of new ponies--that they stole from the Utes. So they had a dance for them--their own dance--this Starhawk. Of course he belonged to that. So, in his honor they brought this palomino that he rode through all that experience and the red blanket that he had recently, you might say, created a new style--red-blue blanket. So that palomino pony was tied every day they danced. At night they turned it loose with the red blanket over it. And that's been the costume ever since. All the Plains Indians adopted that.

(Well, that's really wonderful.)