

I've seen that--especially, it was so noticeable in the Gallup Ceremonials, eastern tribes putting on different of dances that we didn't see ten or fifteen years ago. But then getting back to our part of the country here, we have in this area, a dance that was danced mostly by the North Central Plains Tribe. The only people that actually retained this dance as closest to the original which I had always admired was the Osages, our neighboring tribe across the river here. They have a drum at Grey Horse, Fairfax, Oklahoma and a drum at Pawhuska Village at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, and a third one at the Hominy Village, Hominy, Oklahoma. It is admirable to see these people teach their young men and women when they come home from school each summer--each spring. Some of their young people are in colleges, higher institutions of learning come home to put on their dancing clothes to dance the War Dance. I've always admired these people for this. Where at home here, we've started to revive our traditional dance, our Ponca War Dance, since 1958, September 1958. And we are a standing organization right now, gaining members very slowly, but we're organized and we are pretty well (not clear). But then we've lost most of our traditional dances, social dances a good many years ago. Before I revive--or before I start to revive this dance, I did a personal research through the University of Nebraska and through Dr. Jim Howard, through the University of South Dakota, located there at Vermillion, South Dakota. And he gave me very valuable information that I wanted and he is still sending me books and pamphlets regarding the history and the dances and societies of the Ponca Indians. In this day and time, all the different tribes in the State of Oklahoma, are more or less intertribal in their dances and celebrations and doings, whatever you might want to call it, for obvious reasons in that we have in this time, we have modern transportation, the automobile, or the cars of today. It's nothing for one to get in his car and drive a hundred miles to another tribes' tribal