

that dance was performed last in 1907 on the tribal grounds near the present town of Marland, Oklahoma. That ceased to exist. Now here, I hear that there are several tribes in the north and northwest still practice those dances, how they dance them, I have never witnessed them. I understand that the Cheyennes in the west of us here, still dance that Sun Dance. There's others, several other tribal dances performed by the Plains Tribes which at one time were practiced. They danced it until the government took steps to educate the Indian and then that's when we lost our traditional dances. This War Dance--the Poncas, you might put it this way-- that they were the foremost exponents of this War Dance which we call the "Haoshki Society" and when they came to this country, they brought it with them and they had the four different organizations or lodges on the Ponca reservation and as time went on, all the older ones died out, all the younger ones had went to school and came back--they never sought to perpetuate the dance at all. They just--it was neglected. It was forgotten from the time of--well, about 1919 or 1918. (Indian words to another person.) About 1918 or 1919 the last war dance lodge ceased to exist and from that time on, we did not have any "Haoshki Society" at all in the Ponca Tribe.

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But then the organization was set up in this manner; There was the head man and then he has the committee of seven under him--seven men in a committee under the head man. Of course they are subordinate to their leader, helping him, advising him helping him both in materials and financial part of the organization. And, of course, we have the "Tail Dancers." All of these officers are just as important. There is no grade in these offices as I have been told, because way back there the "Tail Dancers" were selected of men who were actually veterans, warriors, as well as men who were very familiar with the songs and the chants that were composed--that the members