

yeah, lanternlights. Oh yes, they had them way back there when I first knew them, they'd have these handgames. I don't know whether they called them handgames then or not. But they'd get together and they was the same thing as the handgames that they have now. Of course they'd be sitting on one - they'd have one side on one side - they'd have a little house and they would gather in there and have some benches in there, and they'd gather on both sides and then they'd choose up and have two sides and they'd play this handgame. Then they'd have this dance, they would have a between - when one would win they would have a little dance, and they would dance.

(In this handgame, did they use - the the people that had handgame, did they have it - did they, I mean to say, how did they get together? Did they just go out and say, "I'm gonna have a handgame." or did they have a ---)

They're invited. Yes, they would invite people. They often invited - well, if they put on a handgame they would invite the Poncas and the Otoes and all - a lot of times. Put on a big todo about some of their handgames, and some of them wasn't so big, they would just have just their own tribe here, the Osage...

(It was local?)

Local. But sometimes they'd put on a big one and they'd call in the other tribes, and they would put on a big handgame and have a nice time.

#### DANCES IN EARLY DAYS

(Della, do you remember anything about the old, old dances that they had here?)

You spoke a little bit about them.)

Yes, I've been around their old-time dances.

(Did they, does it kinda resemble the dance they have now?)

Well, yes, but they didn't have the nice clothes - when I first knew them, they just didn't have the - didn't have, just had kinda buckskin clothes, the men-folks had. And the women, they just had their, they all did try to have a