

I tell you, when they go some place, go-in a bunch, there's the chief, he's the head man. When we go someplace they tell you, we go this far, that's all the farther you go, that's what I tell you. If you go beyond that, don't listen to what they say, they tie 'em to a tree, they whip 'em. Anybody, 16, 18 times, take their shirts off, shirts off. They used to be strict, they say, in those days.

(Yeah, I guess so, 'cause I always hear about the, you know like the other tribes they kinda though lot of the full-blood Osages. They put 'em way ahead.)

We'll all go up at Pawhuska. We all lived in round teepees, you know. Sit around there, bunch of 'em visiting. They used to come visit my father, you know, and pretty soon there would be a whole bunch of 'em. Had pretty good size tee-pee and fire in the center. Wintertime, I used to hear 'em talk, talk. That's where I got most of my, yeah.

(Most of your information, knowledge, right there.)

Yeah. When you listen all at once you be looking at the fire, just sit still and listen. You get lots of information that way.

OSAGE MARRIAGES

(You know like people back there, they had certain kinda rules to who you married, too, didn't they?)

Yeah.

(You just didn't marry anybody.)

You've seen 'em, haven't you?

(Uh-huh. No. Not here, just them last ones.)

Maybe your boy growed up, then want to get him a wife, well the father and mother talk it over. Then they get their aunt, their close relations, they try to tell 'em what they want. Then they, somebody over there