

your girl money or even, if there's any drinking going on, don't try to induce her to drink. If she likes you, she's going to show it to you. But if you can't understand her, and while you're talking to her as a private girl friend--and you--if she keeps mentioning a boy's name while you're talking to her, just make up your mind that she's thinking of that boy and she's not caring much about you. Tell her to go on. Don't try to take her back. She's gonna want to come back; but don't accept her. Make it final. That's what they used to tell us. All those lectures--day after day--I used to get tired sitting there.

(About how old were you when he used to do this?)

Oh, I was about--it was in 1896--about twelve years old. My brother was seventeen, then.

(Did your brother have girl friends at that time?)

Yeah, he had Cheyenne girl friends--you see, the system recognized by the Cheyennes and Arapahoes was that the boy or the girl that was the daughter or son of a chief was highly respected, and all the boys would be after that girl. And all the girls would be after that chief's son. That was the policy at that time recognized. I know these young chiefs like Grant Left Hand, Powder Face, and all these main chiefs--Little Raven--they were all--they all had that experience. Girls would be after the chief's sons, and boys would be after the chief's daughters. So in those days we was popular on account of that. I know lot of times when we moved to Darlington every day or so--I'd be out with my boy friends, and maybe be around in the other part of the camp, and when I'd come home to our arbor, and be out there, there'd be two or three Cheyenne girls, and maybe Arapaho girls. I'd go in my tent and my ha would say, "Them girls are waiting for you." Well, I'd go out there and entertain them.

OSAGE MAN, JOHN STINK, WHO "DIED" AND CAME BACK TO LIFE

Bob: Jess, in 1916 I came to Oklahoma and we lived in Osage County among the Osage people. That's when they had struck it rich.

Jess: Rich, oil--yeah.

Bob: Oil. We had an old Indian there--maybe you remember him. His name was