

T-659

DEYO MISSION, COMANCHE HYMNS

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NOTE: This tape and T-660 consist of recordings made at the Deyo Mission, a Comanche Baptist Mission, four miles west of Lawton, November 21, 1971. The occasion was a special song service organized by the pastor of the mission, Reverend Robert Coffee, with arrangements being made for all interested persons to record by Mr. Phil Narcomey. Mr. Narcomey's idea was that many of the old Comanche hymns are in danger of being lost as the older generation of Comanche speakers passes away, and that many younger Comanche might be interested in preserving these songs on tapes and perhaps learning those they do not know. The American Indian Institute of the University of Oklahoma was invited to send a representative to record this session.

The program, held on a Sunday afternoon, was recorded in its entirety. Since no transcription is possible for the songs, a listing of the sequence of events and the names of the song leaders are given below. The entire program was about two hours in length. Dinner was served in the Dining Room building in memory of the Reverend E. C. Deyo, founder and first pastor of the mission. A printed handout prepared by present personnel at the mission is attached. All songs were in Comanche unless otherwise noted below.

ORDER OF EVENTS ON THIS TAPE:

Side One, T-659:

Opening Prayer given by Raymond Weryabah.

Introductory Talk by Reverend Robert Coffee.

Songs:

1. Led by Isaac Poafpybitty. Rather soft.
2. Led by Raymond Weryabah.
3. Led by Bruner Cable.
4. Led by Barbara Moonessey.
5. Led by Isaac Poafpybitty.
6. Led by Mooney Chivato.
7. Led by Ella Cox Lutz
8. Led by Ned Timbo.
9. Led by Raymond Weryabah.
10. Led by Bruner Cable.
11. Led by Mrs. Moonessey. This song sung in Kiowa.
12. Led by Isaac Poafpybitty.

Side Two, T-659:

1. Song in progress as recording begins. Led by Mooney Chivato.