

they bring it a little higher. At the same on the side, direction of these here, they will steady that to keep them from coming too far, or going this way or going that way. This bunch here is--there's enough force in there, and at the same time most of the membership of the body's here--to pull these here. So after that's erected, the fourth song is sung and the center pole is standing straight up. On the fourth song. And at the same time these guys will erect or steady this center pole. After that's set up, these boys on the north side--or south side--will go here and go there and push the dirt. The south side pushes the dirt into the hole first, and then the north side pushes the dirt in. They dare not use any material but their own feet or hands. Then they use this--that's where this willow comes in--to pack. They pack with that--with sticks of willow. They just take their moccasins and push it down or push it with their hands, and then another member of that clan will tramp that down. And he goes around, and this guy comes in from--when he started on this position, the other guy on the northwest side was started as he come around--a complete circle. After that guy gets on that guy's position, here, this guy will be on this side. Well, these guys finishes clear around there, and this guy will start here, and when this guy gets there, why, this guy comes around. He'll be here at the same time when the other guy gets on the other side.

(About how many guys would be involved in pushing the dirt in?) Twelve. There's always twelve.

(Are they from the same clan or from different clans?)

Well, they could--they represent all these twelve, here. See, there's six here. Six men from--in any other group of a clan, it don't make any difference, just so there's six. There could be two Fox Clan, could be two Tomahawks, or could be 5 Dog Clan, and could be one--one Star Clan.

(Are they selected ahead of time or anything?)

Well, they just pitch in. They say, "Come on! Let's go ahead!" Well, everybody goes in there, and they say, "Wait! Wait! There's got to be twelve of you boys!" And at the same time