

got some refreshment. Then I walked across the creek. There was an old crossing there. I went across a field. When I got there I heard this drum. They were already commencing. Old Man Chibatoh--he's Mescalero and Lipan--he was conducting. Joe Blackbear was second chief (Cedar Man) and Clarence Star was Fire Man. I stood around there by the woodpile and my uncle, Clarence Star, came out to collect wood and take it in the tent. He asked me what I'm doing there. I said I came to visit. We talked Apache. He asked me if I wanted to listen or come in. I said "Both." He said, "Wait a while. I'll tell them in there." So he went in to fix up the fire. Meanwhile they were singing in there. "My nephew's out there. I'd like to bring him in," he said. Chibatoh said, "Good, let him come in." Instead of my uncle coming out, they threw the canvas back and motioned to me to come in. On the south side there's nobody sitting. The Apaches were seated on the north side. I sat on the south side by myself. They passed me the tobacco and sage, then pass me this herb. Gave it to me in a little sack made of cloth with drawstring at the top. Make motion at me to take four. I took four out. So I sat there and I seen some old timers in there--Apaches. Old Man Chibatoh run the meeting a little different from the way I run it, and the way Apache John run it. He don't stop that drum. It keeps going. The singing goes on all night. They don't stop for water at midnight. I stayed there all night.

ALFRED INHERITED APACHE JOHN'S PEYOTE ROAD

Just about that year my grandpa, Apache John, passed away. Before I was like any other teenage and thought it (NAC) wouldn't be interesting. I did hear father and my grandfather (probably Captain) tell me that grandpa (Apache John) left this medicine for me. He left it with my father to keep for me. In a way I was kinda proud, but I didn't know too much about it. From the first time I took part every now and then. Round 1930 I really got interested. About that time my father and Ward Achilta got interested in that community and everybody looked to them as sponsors. I was kind of a part time secretary. I did what I could when I was available, and they finally got it