

idea of setting aside this one day to celebrate this day. Mr. Francis Claremore, at that time, went around to various leaders of the Hominy District and spoke to them about the idea of this date being set aside, and he went around to such people as Roman Logan, Mickey Oconta (?), John Oberley, Edward McCarthy, James Okiachie (?), Robert Morrell, Silas Whitehorn, Paul Pitts, Ira Hamilton, Silas Russell, Antoine Pryor, Dick Rusk, Allison West, Frank Kayhu, Ross Maker, Jim Maker and Edgar Maker. And he conveyed his thoughts to these men and he convinced them that this should set aside one day to more or less--well, he explained it in kinda of a odd way to these gentlemen-- He said that the white man, they had a day set aside--Fourth of July, and we should set aside one day to where kind of a giving thanks to the Almighty and the Great Spirit for showering all these blessings on the Osage Tribe and that he thought that just one day should be done for that and we should all observe this day. And he went around to all these men that I have mentioned here and he couldn't rest until they should more or less ban together and have a dance or such as that. And it was decided they should. So at that time, the dances were being held then in the Indian Village in the Hominy District. And they had held their dances there for, oh, several years, then in the 30's they had the idea that they--I believe the idea that they wanted--the village was too small for them because they wanted to get a bigger place. So they moved out to Mr. Antoine Pryor's place. They call it Nicola Park and at that time, Mr. Pryor had--Mr. Francis Claremore, he more or less relinquished his position. He thought he had done enough, for he had started this day and it had begin and it had been going on and he thought that he should relinquish it to Mr. Pryor and his wife because they were leaders and at that time they had gathered all of these men and they had the ceremony and they--a dinner and he did such a thing as presenting this dance to Mr. Antoine Pryor. And so, as the years--few years went by, well, Mr. Claremore passed away and Antoine Pryor