

comes next). I forgot -- before he sings those four songs, he says a prayer with the purpose of the meeting and for everyone present and says that prayer and then he starts those four songs. So after those four songs have been sung, he passes his staff and his gourd on to his left and the Drum Chief, he moves out a little, and his Drum Chief gets in there. And sometimes he does kinda beat the drum himself. And then as it goes on, it goes on to the left, and each man that participates in the singing, they sing four songs. And as it goes on, and as these folks sing -- the way the Osages has set it up, they are supposed to rebuild this fire four times as that drum goes around the room of the circle -- tipi -- Church House. And as it gets to the cross-mark, the fireman knows just about how much wood to put on. Whether it's cold or whether it's hot, he knows just about when that fire will go down, and when it reaches that cross mark, he gets up and he rebuilds his fire. And the rules vary from other Churches I've been to, but I'm trying to describe the one that I have participated in. So this Drum Chief he continues. They continue on down until he gets to the first fireman. He sits on the east side, on the north side of the door, where you enter. So as it gets there and the first fireman completes his song, they pause there -- (someone says "for a cigarette". A woman says "for a prayer".). They just stop there for a few minutes for a little meditation and the "Road Man" again says a prayer. And all along while these songs are being sung, these people that are in the meeting, they are all praying and meditation and it's kind of a sight that you would have to just go in and find out how you would feel. It's something that you cannot describe -- the feeling that these people have in their prayer and their belief that they commune with the Almighty through this peyote. It's more or less with the Indians -- call it wonderful. And so, it's -- These times, these meetings, there are people who have called on the Almighty for something that they are in need, and if they are sick or ill or anything that they might want to commune with the Almighty, this is the way they do it.