

had their discussions were always in Indian. They couldn't speak English and all these discussions were talked in Indian. They were the problems of the day. There were very serious matters, which had to be discussed among the older leaders of the people. They were the people that came to this dice games and all these affairs. But they usually had a purpose for all these and it was usually discussing serious matters which concerned our tribe. Good things come from these games, and get-togethers, but that was how they got together, communicated with one another. It served the purpose well. A lot of changes were made and they did derive from these meetings. So, therefore the people that came and participated in-- there was a purpose for all this. Today, we live by some of their decisions, which they made back way fifty years ago-- our Indian people. But they derived in this manner by getting together, discussing problems informally. But all this was told and said in Indian language. I have attended a few of them in my time, but I was rather small, and couldn't understand Indian as well as I do today. I could make out, I remember incidents, but I don't remember any speeches or anything in that manner. I was too small.

THESE GATHERINGS WERE BENEFICIAL TO THE TRIBE.

The meetings that I remember attending were-- the people that came were older people of the tribe and they were influential people among our Osage people. And if remember, I remember old man Minky(?). He was a leader among our people. And Joe Shunkamolah, Edgar McCarthy, one of our great leaders, who help our people. Mr. McCarthy is the one that made it possible that our people share this wealth that they have equally. He was one of our great leaders.