

course I think about that time the Ponca singers were more or less coming to our, across the river, they always say to help us out and during that time well they would, we would, we had, what you might say, called upon them to help us at that time.

WHERE DANCE IS HELD

And we went along through the years and as I might bring it up to the present. In the thirties they had 'course the thirties was kind of a depression at that time and the dances were not to successful and the dances at that time were being held in the, as I remember, in the Hominy district what they might call the roundhouse. The one that is--the structure is in it's present place now it was comparatively new and before they had that roundhouse they had another roundhouse that was directly about, I'd say 300 yards south of the present roundhouse, down by a little creek and it was constructed with lumber and 'course it wasn't painted, in time it had a roof on it. 'Course these places weren't too large, even before that, they held dances where the present sight of the Horace Mann school is now. In those days, like I say, they didn't have any electricity or anything like that in there. They only danced, they started their dances in the morning and danced in the afternoon, and of course at night they didn't have any lights. Course the Indians, 'course naturally wouldn't dance. As it come on down to the roundhouse the old roundhouse had lanterns, but in the new one when they installed the electricity, it become available to the people in the Indian village and this roundhouse was made and it was--more people would come to dance well they, it was kinda crowded, too crowded in this small place and but they did the best they could and I think at several times the crowd was so large they just had to move out on the outside and its constructed--alright in the afternoon, but in the evening they had to have some sort of light and they constructed some sort of light poles put in the electric lights up there. Very crude in the beginning but it was all they had at time and on such short notice to have one and as we go along these customs change along with the times and the Grayhorse community I remember they built kinda of a more larger roundhouse than the Hominy or Pawhuska group. And