

to do. Then some places, you know, they had whiskey /word not clear/
whiskey. Whiskey is important to the Osages. It's honor when some-
body come by and drink with 'em. Name certain ones maybe have daughter
dress up and she have fine clothes on and they sent her certain place.
Her father wants you over to his place. That's what the girl for.
They honor with whiskey. When they get there, they talk about how
important this whiskey is. Then they drink. Some of 'em gets drunk
right away. First thing you know, they'll be fighting. That's what
I used to do when I drink whiskey. /Laughter/

CONCERNING GRASS FIRES

(This--like--I guess all Indian tribes have ceremonies, you know,
like the Osages. I mean way back there, you know. It don't rain
or something like that. No game, can't find any. They have certain
ceremonies. They dance. They rely on their hunting parties.)

Yeah. That's /word not clear/. what do you call it--used to be that
way. Which clan was that Dan West, big Dan West? Him--I was thinking
of old man Pratt was one of 'em, too. They think at that time,
when it don't rain or nothing, everything dry all they got to do
is start fire. Start fire and burn the grass. If it don't rain,
/words not clear/ they're not afraid to cause they don't live /not
clear/. I forgot that part.

HORSE RACING - BACON RIND - BEST RIDER

I said I forget long time. When they go down there, they bring race
horses down to Hominy. Hominy got race horses, too. They used
to have race where, you know, where them--what do you call it--
where them Brunos live.

(Yeah.)

About two hundred yards south of there. Used to be out there where
that road is. They used to run way where Charlie Pettit's place.
They used to run race from there clear down to that place.