

in the city of Hominy, in which I am chairman of the organization. Mr. Pitts and Mr. Whitehorn always lent us valuable assistance in commemorating that day and were always willing to help us in any way that they could, just by lending their presence at the celebration. And of course, Mr. Pitts was a member of the organization and its--when they proclaimed this day to celebrate our coming to this country, he was one of the men who was on the committee of the group of the leaders of the tribe at that time. And this included many of the older tribes--tribesmen. And he was a member of the original committee, which included Mr. Antoine Pryor and Mr. Francis Claremore and my father, Mr. Ross Maker, and Uncles Jim Maker and Edgar Maker and the older members, Mr. Edgar McCarthy and Mr. Roman Logan and Mr. Robert Morrell and the Assistant Chief, Mr. Whitehorn and Mr. Silas Russell and a great number of full-bloods whose thoughts were centered on the chief whose intellect and courage brought this (word not clear) to our people--his people to this great country known as the Osage Nation. And he was one of the older members that worked with these other gentlemen who are all gone on to their reward also. And people, I might have mentioned is Mr. Robert Morrell, and Dick Rusk and Allison Webb and such people as that. And it just goes on to show you what a full life that Mr. Pitts has led. He has done many things in his lifetime to help the Osage people in many ways, other than being chief. He was always glad to help anyone and he led a clean life and he was just one of our men that we hate to lose like that. And in closing, I would just like to tell you that the Osage Nation will miss him and his thoughts, and that as he has often said that it is time for the younger generation to take hold and become interested in the affairs of their people and was always thinking of things that were