

on his right.

(What is this assistant acalled?)

Drum chief

(What does he do?)

Beats the drum. See you got a gourd, staff, feathers, seeds, uh... that's what singers hold. Then the drum, that's the drummer.

Assistants take care of the drum and the stick.

REASONS FOR PEYOTE MEETINGS

(Does a special person give the peyote meeting?)

Uh...they have birthdays or someone wants to call a prayer service. Someway they feel they want to put up what we call a peyote meeting, Native American Church. We have them certain occasions, birthdays or any other something you think would benefit your thoughts, maybe sometime you get caught in distress in some way, in everyday life, sickness or some other problems. They're just like these white churches,, sometimes they get together and pray together. Uh....that's the way this meeting runs; the Native American Church. That's why they call it the Native American Church. When James Mooney came down here there was kind of a misunderstanding between members of this church and missionaries and the Federal Government.

MOONEY'S ROLE IN THE NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH

They tried to abolish it. When he got down here he seen it for himself, first hand. Of course, there were other celebrities came and wrote about this ceremony. But J. Mooney came down here, he's the guy that would participate with these Indians, and that took place