

organized better. Started fund drives to get tipi, poles and other equipment like buckets and rugs and everything like that that had to be used. By "community" I mean the people around the Boone district. Also we had other tribes that was inter-married. That went along for 1937. We were sorta organized as a local chapter. I was picked as chairman of the local chapter. On Mother's Day they wanted to have a meeting. All the members gathered and we started planning how we're gonna proceed to complete this meeting. Suggestions were made that somebody with a mother should run the meeting; somebody with a mother should carry the drum; and somebody with a mother should build the fire. So then my father talked to me. Apache John left his medicine (a chief peyote) with him to deliver or transfer to me, give it to me some day. He asked my father if he knew his (Apache John's) songs. Father says yes. Apache John asked him to sing them for him. There was Beginning Song, Midnite Water Song, Morning Song and Quitting Song. Father sang these for my grandpa. That's what my father brought out in our talk. He said he thought it was a good time right now. He asked me if I know how to run the meeting like Apache John run it. I said, "Yeah." That's the way he put it to me. My father wants me to take Apache John's medicine. I talked to him on it and I put it this way: "Since you're still the head of our family, I think you should let it be like it is. When your work here is done--"I meant when he pass away"--I'll pick it up, the medicine that Apache John put down on that moon. I have one that Clarence Starr gave me. I could use it. It's kinda like a keepsake. I could run the meeting like Apache John did and use this one from Clarence Starr." When my father passed away I got that big one that I use now. My father passed away in 1941 and I been using it ever since. I have help from various fellows that carry drum for me.

#### ALFRED'S PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Seems to me like that was sort of my beginning, my getting started in community activity. I think since then I've been involved in every activity, every kind of good organization. I was Chairman of the local chapter of the NAC for a good many years and I think that's where I got my start. I wasn't only