

(We were lost--got to the end of that tape there and lets start about where you were saying that they taken in the tipi with the hand game, which would go on for three days and how the leader would fast, three days before they would start these--)

At the same time.

(Oh, he would fast at the same time. And then would he eat at night at the same time with the rest of them or would he fast? He wouldn't eat?)

None those that take part that were fasting.

(They had food each night, and would they eat the food each night? Tell me what they would do with that food each night.)

No.

(Tell me what they would do with that food?)

Well, they just before they go and start dishing out for the visitors and those that would take part in the hand game, well they appoiny one--

(Would these people come in from outside at night to play the hand game?

And then would they hand out the food to the visitors?)

Yeah.

(But the ones that started it, they would fast. They wouldn't eat?)

No, they wouldn't eat at all. Just visitors. Everybody took part because it was a blessing. If you eat that food, because that person that fast made that vow, he sacrifice for his people so that they might receive a blessing from Almighty God. That way well--

(What did they do with--pieces of that different food that they--you said while ago?)

Put it in the ground.

(In the tipi?)

Yeah in the ground, that's what they call food sacrifice to the maker of all things. To the earth. So that's the way it was carried on, but today you know--