

Always a fire in the middle:

(And then the drum was set on the south side of the door.)

Yeah. As you come in, you know.

(Was . . . how many drummers would there be?)

Ordinarily five or six.

(Would they sit on the ground or what?)

Well, they had--they usually brought in wagon seats. You see, them days they had wagon seats. Just so they sit off the ground and drum. It's always kind of hoisted, you know, on forked little sticks (drum holders). They'd have strings around the drum and loops. And they fastened those loops, you know, and they'd drive those forked posts just so the drum's off the ground. That's the way it is. Now they use a higher drum--higher hoisted drum--and chairs, now.

(How would the drummers be dressed?)

Anyway they want to. They can wear civilian clothes. Blanket, mostly. They can either wear a hat or wouldn't wear no hat.

ADVICE GIVEN BY ELDERS TO FOX MEMBERS

(Did anybody make any talks or give any speeches?)

Oh, yeah. Now and then. Now and then somebody--old fellows--would talk, or maybe some chiefs come in there. Make announcements of what the tribe's interest may be at the moment--at the time--for us to discuss in our leisure moments.

Of course, we were all young guys in the Fox and didn't know much about the question. But our leaders would tell us the problem--the question--and they'd send the report to the head chief's camp. Well, all reports come to the center and they'd announce the decision of the tribal action. Something like that--I was too young to know many of those things.

(Did they ever pray?)

Oh, yeah, they prayed. Yeah, they prayed.

(Who would Pray?)

The old leaders--the ceremonial leaders. Sometimes we'd have a woman. There