

other tribes, they make up their own songs. And according to the Apaches, they always said that other tribes use our ways. Course, they have their own ways, but we can't tell 'em how to conduct these meetings. In other words, they just learn how to pray and make the Kiowas--did you ever go to a Kiowa Meeting? Wichita? Or Caddo? They got, oh, similar--but their songs are different. Their prayers are pretty nearly the same. Although I don't understand some of those, I imagine they're according to the way I've listened. Almost on the same subject or same line that we pray. Therefore I say each tribe has their own way of conducting these meetings. And naturally they pick it up from these Comanches or Kiowas or Apaches, but our Apaches don't go out to these meetings to different tribes--they're only here. Very ~~seldom~~ seldom these Apaches go to other tribes to conduct meetings. In the last twenty-five years. And before that, it's strictly Apaches.

(What do you mean?)

Just when they're gonna have a Apache meeting, there's nothing but Apaches there. When they have a visitor, well, the feeling is different. By that I mean you're a special guest. You're privileged. It's different from a regular member or fellow tribesman. If we had a visitor from Montana or New Mexico or Wisconsin, we give 'em all the respect and all the privileges that ordinarily is not with these members--just local. Like, what I mean, you're allowed to do some things that we don't generally do, like smoke without giving thanks or get up and drum for anybody you want to. Visitors has that privilege. Now it's that way anywhere. You just could drum for anybody. But way back in the old days, you just drum for the guy that you sit with. You don't go over there. And when you smoke--you make a smoke--you ask for smoke--everybody is just observing. You roll your smoke and then you make your prayer, and when you get through somebody else gets to smoke. But I notice many instances I see that, today. And then, when you're singing, they're always supposed to listen, and what they call that meditation. You're supposed to meditate on all the songs and all the prayers. That way you get more of a blessing. Not more, but more of a better feeling. Whereby if you just 'have to', you don't feel so good if you have to do anything, if it's against your will or not with your approval.