

him home at this time. And these boys and this girl are some of what I have been speaking of. They are unallotted Osages, being three quarter Indian blood. We feel like that this inheritance and heritage other than what has already been allotted belong to them along with the other younger people who are living today. And we hope that the government can see this. We feel like also that the Osage Agency is still something that is needed among the Osages and would like to see that continue for many years yet, because I don't feel like it is time for termination or anything like that because it would work a hardship on the Osage people.

OSAGE WEDDING CEREMONIES IN EARLY DAYS - ACTIVITIES

During the 1920's and all through them there was still Osage Indian weddings taking place and during these times there was a lot of activity wherever these weddings were happening. And I remember several of these myself and have attended several of them. Always during the wedding they had sometimes a man's foot race and usually the prize was a horse. Also they had a women's foot race and the prize was also a horse. And during that time there was much feasting going on. I don't recall of any dancing going on at that time, but the Osages liked to play a game, they call it the hand game. That is very interesting to play. The way you play this game, there is judge and the people who are there are usually sitting in a large circle. However big the room maybe or wherever they are at, in under an arbor or wherever the game is taking place and they pass an object and they have a guesser who guesses while singing is going on, have a drum, and Indian singers. While this singing is going on the one who is guessing has to guess from two people. Each one of these people has an object in one hand--small object. They don't know which hand it's in, only the one who is holding it knows. And the guesser has three or four different ways he can guess. He can guess to the outside, which would be the left or to the outside hand which would be the right. He does that with one stroke of his stick. Or if he wants to guess in the middle, the two people who are playing