

still carried on and they got together about that time and they--all these gentlemen that I mentioned, got together and all decided that Mr. Ross Maker was a young energetic man at the time and that he was the one that ought to carry on this thing and that the permission of Mr. Antoine Pryor, which he agreed that Mr. Maker--he was getting old and that Mr. Maker was the one to carry this thing on. And so they were more or less--I don't remember just what his title was called at the time, but he was more or less--he just ran the celebration and they had a treasurer at that time and I remember it was Mr. Silas Russell. And I don't... So at that time, I think that Mr. Edgar McCarthy--he was vice-president and Mr.--and as I mentioned, Silas Russell was treasurer and Fred Walker, Mr. Claremore's son-in-law, he was the treasurer and of course they had a lot of other committees. I think that Mr.--my uncle, Jim Maker and my wife's uncle, Joe Shunkamoh, were in charge of the racing. And at the time that the Osages had, oh, a few thoroughbred race horses and they thought they wanted to have some racing. So they built them a track out there and they conducted them races over day for four days and it was more or less a celebration. They liked to invite neighboring tribes over to, oh, to help these people celebrate and they enjoyed their fellowship and company. And at that time, these old Indians--I remember, they used to go out and they would, oh, they would gather early in the morning--every morning in a little small house out there--have a meeting and it was decided how many campers would come in and how many beavers they would have to have to go and get, and when they decided they wanted one, they would have to go and get, and when they decided they wanted one, they would go out and kill and butcher him right on the spot and bring him in and hand out the rations--or two or three. And so they had pretty good organization at that time. As I remember, I think, they had the--so I think in those days, they had a parade in the city of Hominy and they had--I don't remember seeing any of the parades