

the 28th fell on any day, why we would still celebrate it. And so along that time he called his--the people of the District together and his committee and more or less the populace of the people and more or less made a statement or a proclamation that in event that if anything that would happen to him, that he would like this to pass on down to me and so the populace of the people drew up a document and asked Mr. Maker if he wanted--my father, if he wanted to present the celebration on to me. And so he desired to let me take over the reins of the celebration. And so I think it was in December of '61 that I took the chairmanship of the committee at that time and I think it was--I think it was about a month later, my father passed away.

AFTER HIS FATHER'S DEATH LEONARD MAKER INHERITED THE CHAIRMANSHIP

So I have been trying to carry on since that time and we've had oh, a little difficulty in gathering all of our people together, but we have a nucleus of our people and that included myself and Mr. George Morrell and Mr. Preston Morrell, and the brothers, Mr. Fred Maker, Mr. Lloyd Maker, Mr. Harry Maker, Mr. Jerome Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. Elias Russell. We had at that time, undertook to take in Mr. Wendell Jackson and so at the time, we carried on with fair success you might say and at that time, other organizations were having their own Osage day and--but we alone carried on in the Hominy District. We carried on till we--around 1966, we thought that it might be better to alter our dates. I suggested to the committee that on September 28 being, nowadays that the time for changing that we might be sometime have to have our dance earlier, not any later than the 28th, but we thought it might be more--oh better for us if we could move our date a little earlier in the year and we had... So for the past few years we have varied our dates according to the way that people nowadays have moved off the reservation, getting harder for people to come back on the 28th when it's the middle of the week, and most of our younger men are going to college and they are going off to work and it's