

to see that these rules were more or less carried out in the Church House. He was the man who was second under the "Road Man", as we might call him today, and he was -- carried out all his wishes and whenever the men wanted something why they would always ask this first fireman if it was all right to do certain things. And he in turn was supposed to know all the rules, which he did. He would in duty -- one of the first duties was of course to tie the drum. These men were supposed to be -- they wouldn't pick just anyone to perform this duty of first fireman. They pick more or less the outstanding -- Most men were heads of their family and it was a very responsible job. And they in turn were ready to take the seat of the Road Man if need be. So these men were, they were trained for this job. They were vigorously trained and it took a very energetic young man to perform all these duties. It was his duties to prepare the "sweat", to prepare the meat his family would prepare all the food. Then he would go out and get the wood for the altar, to burn the wood all night. Well he would go out and see if they would be enough wood there to last, whether it would be cold or hot. And he would get a certain kind of wood and he would have to go out and cut these hickory sticks that they would use to prepare this fire. And they would go out and they would cut these sticks, I'd say about four sticks, four small ones and cut about two longer ones, and sometime they used a sort of a stick that would have smash the ashes. It would be large on one end and small on the other, kinda like more or less like a cane or crutch. It was this first fireman's duties to perform all that. And get all this ready for the people that came in and it was quite a chore to do all these. His duties were numerous when it came to these peyote meetings itself. But I was only telling about my contact with this peyote and as I recall, a little later on, as I grew older and as I understood more about everything about the peyote.