

MEAL SERVED BEFORE THE MEETING:

And as I recall, just before the actual service -- well, say around two hours before evening sun fell, people would begin to congregate -- come in -- whoever wanted to participate in the meeting. They would start coming in. And a meal would be prepared -- a large meal. The meal was plentiful. Everyone was served that came. After supper -- they would keep supper on till late for any late comers -- whoever came would be served. More generally they would be already there, and they'd call everyone to supper. And they would partake of the food that was being prepared by the host whoever had the Church House on their premises. And so, after the meal, they would all sit around and sort of prepare themselves for the evening's or night's services, and would sit around and chat with each other.

STRUCTURE OF THE MEETING:

And as the evening grew shorter and time to go in the Church House, they would file in. The "Road Man" would take his place and his assistants would resume their places, and after that the people would make their entrance in the Church House and they would be seated according to their rank. And we have in our Church -- we call them "two cross marks". And sometimes if we'd have a visiting "Road Man" or other person very prominent in his Tribe, well his seat would be according to him. And so it went along with that. And the Fireman would more or less take charge of the proceedings and he would seat the people where they would be most comfortable. And of course he would see that the "Road Man" -- all his wishes were carried out. And that at that time the "Road Man" would explain the purpose of the peyote meeting and say that they were about ready to begin and -- (Interruption). And as the people prepared themselves for the meeting, the "Road Man" then instructs his fireman to go get the water that they're supposed to use for the night, and the three firemen go out and