

this fire off this altar and rebuilt the ashes. Just swept them aside, and more or less cleaned it off and just rebuilt the fire as new there. And as he placed the fire back in its original place, that was the time the drum could begin again. And it's very -- well, it's kind of painstaking for the fireman to do his duties just right. And it takes a rather agile man and one that knows. As I said before, they are picked for their -- They are special, and they are taught to do this. And so it goes on like that through the night. And so as it goes around again, they stop and pray and when anyone wants a special prayer or anything like that or they want to make a smoke for a very special reason, they would ask one of the firemen and he would in turn get permission from the "Road Man". And one of these -- either -- when they stop at the "Road Man's" -- they could stop there and if any person in the congregation would want to make a cigarette for special purpose -- special reason -- why he would be allowed to do so. And so this continued on through the night. And the way the Osages had timed it, that these three firemen -- The Drum Chief and three Firemen would perform, and that would bring it up to daylight. Which, at that time, the drum would be up about around to the fourth round you might say. It would be coming up toward the "Road Man". And during that time -- (interruption) -- so they would be about to -- When they got back to the "Road Man", he would signify that the sun was coming up, and they would be about to stop the services for their morning breakfast.

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And of course some of the ladies that were present or some of the ladies that were in attendance, or who were closely associated with this particular Church House, they would go out and they would have their breakfast which would consist of -- each Church would vary somewhat, but it was always more or less about the same and they'd have dried corn or parched corn. And I always remembered that they had these little corn -- parched corn -- and they would