

of course the family would all congregate and they would pick the committee out and at that time it was sort of a custom to have a dinner at that time or some sort of a gathering to gather the people about to, what's that?

SELECTING COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEEMEN

(Mr. Maker, I understand that after they picked the committee and committeeman they have, what we would call, the roster. Was it so that they picked all the young gentlemen of the tribe of that district to dance?)

I don't understand what you mean.

(They picked all of the young men of every family. They didn't leave anyone out. They were put on to dance, with the dance with the committee.)

Well, it's my understanding after they wrote down and picked their committee also selected their whipmen and their, what they might call, fulfill their, all their positions. The whipmen and the two taidancers, and then the waterboys, they picked out the town crier, picked out the head singer and drummer. Then after they picked out the--those positions were selected they had the, I think they had the cooks. They selected the cooks at that time. They had a head cook and they had various cooks' assistants. Then at that time they selected all the young men and older men who participated in the dances. They selected all the men of this certain district. The dancers, which included more or less all the people who were interested in dancing and then they tried to interest people who were, you know, would like to dance, which is kind of ceremony of it's own and therefore after they did that the dance would be complete. Then they would pay this committee, is this not right?

(Yes.)

They would have, before I believe they had a dance it was their. . .

(They paid the committee all the committee that was there, they paid them usually with blankets and certain positions, they in turn paid the drumkeeper for that position, do you understand?)

So being all that complete they were, then they were allowed to go ahead with their dance. So, after they were, after they proceeded to their ceremony well these dances generally lasted four