

and whenever it come a dance everyone had - would put on a big dance here. I can remember that was the greatest time amongst the Indians. When they put on a dance they would invite all the Poncas, the Pawnees, and Otoes - all of those Indians would come with wagons - loads after loads of them would come with their teams bringing their tents and their dogs and their family. The dogs followed along behind. And they would all camp around this "round house" where they danced. And it was quite a sight to see when they all got together. It was. When they would get all that ready to - and all their tents put up and their fires a burning around where they cooked on their campfire in the evenings - they all cooked for themselves. Then on one special day they would put on a big dinner, the one that was having the dance. And they would all then go to this table and eat. And then - they too - the man that was putting on the dance, he would always have a - he would have a lot of groceries to give to these that came. Beef, that they would butcher, and have lots of meat to give.

OSAGE PEOPLE WERE RELIGIOUS

(Back in those early days - you know, how did - how did they leave the - do you remember - the very early days, did they - how were they - were the Osage very religious (people?)

Yes, they were. Yes, I can remember when they - when the one that had this their meetings, they wouldn't associate with the ones that would get drunk and tear around. They wouldn't have them in their meeting house. They wouldn't have them around. Yeah, they was pretty religious. And they would have religious pictures of them, too, in their house and their homes.

(And in these, ah, these places of worship why they had - I mean it seems to me that the one that - the Osage - that was going to have a meeting, why it was quite an affair.)

It was. Oh yes, yes, and they used to put on them meetings way back there in