

gives them a long life. They grow as the leaves grow larger.

(How is the--describe the ceremony to name a baby. How do you do that?)

Well, the one that's going to give the child a name usually, holds the child in his arms and says a prayer. Says a prayer and where our Father could accept this child and to accept this child with this name which is given to him. And the child should always be known by that name until death. And then, when this person dies why that name at the funeral they offer another prayer and pray in that prayer they return this name back to the Great Spirit. But it can be used over again by another child.

(Only one person at a time--)

Yes.

(Can have a name.)

Uh-huh.

(Is there any special feast connected with the naming ceremony?)

Yes, it's, they have to have one bowl of vegetables--whatever they have to offer. Corn, pumpkin is always the main things they use for the ceremonial..

(The baby's family provides the food?)

Oh, yes, Uh-hum. Oh, yes, the Kickapoos and the Potawatomi.

(Also have adoption ceremonies?)

The Algonquin Indians. I don't know about Plains Indians.

(Is that also conducted by the clan?)

Yes. You can't adopt the same clan members though. If you--like if you're--
I lost a son. I couldn't adopt my same clan.

(How about those people in clans that--where nobody knows their songs--what do they do?)

Nobody knows what?

(What if it was somebody from a clan where they don't know the songs anymore?

They can't have an adoption ceremony?)