

the ticket and try to get him re-elected, because it is the law that they could not remove his name from the ballot. And I asked him if the Tribal Council intended to fulfill the seat--the vacancy of the chief of our tribe for the remaining few weeks before election. And he replied that there were not any important meetings to come up in--actually they didn't have any--you might say they didn't have any regular business that required the chief's signature--any of his--more or less, his approval at this time. And I--any laws like I stated the day before, the Tribal Council can replace the chief in any way in the manner prescribed in the regulations. So, he said that they would--should happen to elect Mr. Pitts--his name should receive more votes than anyone for the chieftainship, that the council then would--whoever was elected on the council would convene and put the question before the people. If they should want the council to appoint a chief or have the referendum vote and have another election only for the chieftainship. And I replied that I didn't hardly think that would be good for--what I mean to say, the older people of our tribe and going away with their thinking, and of course with the other thinking, it might come about that this man has died and his name is on the ballot, I wouldn't think that the older people would go along with their suggestion. And that he said that it would be an honor and homage to the chief in that manner, but the older Indians of the tribe are not accordance with that way of thinking. They respect Mr. Pitts and the fact that he has gone to his rewards and that he has done all he can and this wouldn't be right in our way of thinking, if he should be elected. And of course the thing about it too, we don't know whether the other candidates running--if they should happen to win it, why that would be all. There wouldn't be anything to do