

events, I don't, personally speaking for myself, I don't go by the party, and I more or less, I go by the man who's running. And if I feel that he is qualified and able and competent that he should lead our tribe, but I feel that he isn't, regardless whether he is a full blood or mixed blood I only vote for the man. And I believe that is the way that most of the people are doing these days. They don't go--I imagine some go for the complete ticket, but then again, most of them do not. And I feel that the Co-operative Party who has long been in control of the Osage affairs, they are--it seems that they are losing a little bit of their--you might say, a little bit of their authority or power, and that they are struggling to retain it, and this is one of the ways that they are trying to do to retain that authority or control. And I for one, don't think that it is right at all. Like I say, I have known Mr. Pitts when he resided in Hominy, and I have been a friend of his, although I disagreed with him on many situations and he disagreed with me, but we never lost our respect for one another. And I understood his side and he understood my side. Although I never did completely go along with the Co-operative Party--I had been a member of the Co-operative Party many years ago, but recently I drew out my membership, but I still voted for some of them that were running on the Co-operative Party. And like I say, I have known Mr. Pitts--he has been one of our--you might say, outstanding Osages in the past 50 years. And like I say, he came from a well-known family, his father I understand was an interpreter for the Council in his early years and he took active interest in Osage affairs and it was nothing more than right that his eldest son should follow in his footsteps. And like I say, during the early life of the late Paul Pitts, he was raised in Hominy. I didn't