

he has to go through?)

Well, the only ceremony I know they have to go through was this. When they got through appointing that certain man, they'd always sit in a row and they, in turn, invite the new chief to sit in with them to smoke the peace pipe. And this peace pipe must be taken care of by one woman. And when that ceremony came, she had to be the one to fill that pipe and light it, and pass that pipe on through. We still hold that one chief woman.

(Who is that?)

Amanda Bates.

(Do you have that ceremony still yet, today?)

No.

(When was the last time that it was held?)

Oh, it's been a long time--I can't recollect that. They tried it here a while back but they made a blunder out of it. That pipe--the main part of the pipe--they dropped it on the ground. And it's a bad omen. Well, that following fall, the two parties that used that pipe to pick up other chiefs, one side was--that man that dropped that pipe, he passed away in that short length of time. And that other party that was in with him, his grandchildren and his brother-in-law had a car accident. It killed his brother-in-law and wife. And his grandson--two of his grandsons was in that wreck--one was them was hurt pretty bad and he's half off now. He lives right across the river here. He lives by himself. Nobody don't live with him. He had his head fractured and they couldn't lift that bone up so they just left it. Every so often he gets off.

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See, the Arapahoes doesn't use that pipe except when they choose anyone to be chief.

(Back in those older days when you would get together--like between Colony and Canton--you were saying that each man picked out a friend and they would exchange gifts--how would they do this?).

Well, they pick a party. They just look around and see which one they want to choose, just like they do now. Which one they