

Well, he brings the red paint and the pipe, and several other things to bless the people with, through prayers and all that doings. But they won't bring the bundle (the Flat Pipe bundle). (Where would he conduct this?)

Well, he came to Canton last time--and everything was all right after he visited the tribe. And I heard someone was going to go up and get him but I don't know--The lineage of the custodian of the Pipe has got to be a Big Lodge Arapaho descent. It never has changed. The most outstanding one was this Weasel Bear, Arapaho. And his descendants are the custodians all through the years-- (Is Shakespeare one of his descendants?)

Yeah, one of the descendants.

(When he came down here three years ago, did very many people attend at Canton?)

Yeah, he took care of them. They had blessing there, and went all through the ceremony. And everything went on all right. But this year again--all these car wrecks and deaths--
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--of the Big Lodge Arapaho element, descended all through the ages, and still, yet.

(Before they divided into southern Arapahoes and northern Arapahoes--what kind of Arapaho groups were there?)

Just mixed. Just mixed. Some were Southerners; some were Gros Ventre stock that had mingled and then they came on back and intermarried with the Arapahoes.

(Like this Big Lodge groups--what other group was there beside Big Lodge?)

Well, there was the original Algonkian, and the Southerners, and the Gros Ventre stock intermingled with--amalgamated with the Blackfeet. Piegiens, they called them, in them days. So they're all mixed up. We got a lot of Blackfeet. I'm part Blackfoot. (In other words there's some Big Lodge Arapahoes here in Oklahoma?)

Yeah--

(And then are there some more in Wyoming?)

Yeah, in Wyoming, yeah.