

or priests--they would agree to let you see the Pipe opened. But when you come in, you have to come in barefooted, because you will be made to touch that Pipe with your feet, with your hands, before you go out." He said that he'd do that. That's the way I heard he got to see that Pipe. He asked them if he could write notes on it and they said, "Yeah, you can jot notes on it." That Pipe's still in Wyoming. The custodian of that Pipe is always to be a lineage of the Arapaho known as the "Big Lodge" Arapaho. For generation after generation. That stock of the Arapaho are the ones that are custodians of the Pipe right today. And if they have a Sun Dance--that's four miles from those people's home--there's always a tipi where this Pipe is kept. There's always got to be a live fire every day and night, winter and summer, day, and there's always fumigation where this Pipe is on the tripod. Hangs there. There's always fumigation. When they're going to go into that camp (the Sun Dance camp), it's not hauled on horseback or a wagon or a car or nothing. The woman has to pack that Pipe--the bundle--and the man, her husband, follows her with that three-legged tripod. And when they get to where they're going, then if they're going to rest, then this man has got to go around his wife on the left side. And he puts those (tripod up) and then his wife turns around and backs in there and he takes ropes off and hangs them on that tripod and that Pipe hangs there while they rest. Then when they get to camp, their tipi is already set for them, with a fire already made. When they get there, the tipi is opened and the woman goes in first and the man follows and he goes around his wife and puts up that tripod and that woman goes up and backs in there