ago. And my father. So I succeed in that line of election.

JESS NAMED A CHIEF AS A YOUNG MAN--REFUSES TO CHANGE HIS NAME

(When they elected you, what kind of things did they say?)

Oh, they just told me I was elected because of my public-spiritedness, my help to the old people and young people, and my thoughtfulness. And they said, "You're now a chief. Always look at the four ridge--around the country, you know. See if anybody's coming. Try to feed them, yourself. Give them something they could take home. Take care of them while they're visiting. And see to the old folks, the orphans--the motherless and fatherless children. See what you can provide for them. Take care of the horses of the old folks. If a man's sick, see what you can do--go over there and chop wood or tell you fellow chiefs that a fellow chief is sick, to bring groceries. All those things." Those are the duties they instructed me to always live by.

(Did you have any special kind of clothing?)

Oh, I had my blanket on. I had long hair that time. But they wanted to change my name and I said, "No, Dad, I don't want to change my name, yet." So they said, "All right." But if they changed my name they'd have to declare me a new name and they'd put a pipe across my back and then up, like a cross. That's how they would pronounce me with another name. But I didn't accept that--until years after that, when I took my uncle's name.

(Why did they want to give you a new name?)

Well, that's the system. When you grow up and make a man of yourself, then they give you your ancestor's name. My name would have been biitʼwyéi --that means "Grab-His-Enemy." But I told