

what they give to the pipe.

(Who gets that material after the ceremony is over--what happens to it?)

Certain ones--just like them priests. That high priestess and different ones. And then they, in turn, pass it on to somebody else at another date. They don't keep it.

OKLAHOMA ARAPAHO PIPE WOMAN

(You know, this might be completely different, but I've heard it said that Amanda Bates is a pipe keeper here in Oklahoma. Is that anything like Josephine--?)

No. She's nothing like-- She's not-- She's just-- I'll tell you what she is--she's just one of them "hired hands"-- ha ana That's a helper. She's the one that sits on the end and loads that pipe when the chiefs are sitting around. They call them together and they set around in a tipi. That's all she is. But Jesse Rowledge, he's shot her way up there. He says she's a chief woman. But Arapahoes--like me, myself--I know. She's just a hired hand. White man say "hired hand". She loads that pipe. She's got to keep that pipe loaded. She's the one that dishes the food out. She's the one that does everything in there. Whatever they need, she's got to go out and get it.

(This is when the chiefs get together and meet?)

Yeah.

ARAPAHO CHIEFS TODAY

(But I didn't think the Arapahoes today had much in the way of chiefs. I sort of thought that tradition had--)

It's faded out. It died out. But recently, what they done, they revived it, just for the giveaway. Like these dances--pow-wow dances. What we call them, we call them "Quarter Chiefs". Us--like me, myself--we call them "Quarter Chiefs". When they have dances, they call for chief's song to start out.