

They reach in their pocket and all of them give a quarter--about ten or fifteen of them give a quarter. That's why we call them "Quarter Chiefs".

But an Indian chief, he ain't supposed to pass nobody on the road, if they see somebody on the road. But these chiefs, they get behind the wheel and they just speed right on by them. Speed right on by. They don't stop. If you see a visitor in town from different tribe, you invite him to your home.

Feed him. Give him a place to sleep. That's a chief. But these guys--did you ever see Jesse Rowledge give anything? You ever see him invite anybody to his house?

(Well, this Arthur Sutton was telling me that he's a chief--)

Yeah. Now he's a better chief than Jesse Rowledge. Jesse's my uncle--I know him.

(In what way is he better--as far as giving things away?)

Yeah. He'll invite you to his home. He'll invite you to his camp. Feed you. He'll sit down and tell you to eat something or drink coffee. He'll talk to you and he'll give away at gatherings, you know. Have big giveaway for his family. Jess never did that.

(Even back when he was younger?)

Jess? He didn't have nothing. He was just made chief by this old man that used to live across the river here. That fellow just use him for interpreter, you know. That's how come he made him a chief. But as far as working out his chieftainship, he never did. Because we used to keep Jess. Mother can tell you. He used to stay with us when he didn't have nothing. He used to go to school from our place.

(That was before he was married, I guess.)

Yeah. And after he was married, my folks kept him.

(But during his years, you know, on the Tribal Council and that kind of thing,