

to have a banquet for all the people who were guest of Mr. Pitts. And at that time they were going to have a banquet for all the people who were guests of Mr. Adams and among them being the former President of the United States, Mr. Dwight D. Eisenhower. And but, Mr. Pitts declined the invitation to have them and he was--wanted to be with his people whom he had invited to be with him. And we more or less admired him for that and Mr. Echo Hawk, of course, was with us at that time and we had the scroll ready and at that time we didn't know when we would get around to our presentation. But we were--but at that time, they had invited for the ball--the birthday ball for Mr. Boots Adams, why they had invited two well-known orchestras. They had invited Mr.--I think it was Wayne King and his orchestra for the older group and for the younger group they had invited Mr. Tex Beneke. And two separate ballrooms were adjoining each other. And we had Wayne King on one end and Tex Beneke on the other. And I was going to say that during that time I--the celebration committee was preparing a meal for the orchestras in a separate dining room and that's where Mr. Pitts had got us to go in with the--and be--eat the evening meal with the two orchestras, which we enjoyed meeting members of the band and more or less just have a round table chat with them and enjoying ourselves. And after the evening meal, they had the ball started at, I forgot what time it started. The celebration was held some time in August, the latter part of August. And we enjoyed--we had got to meet Mr. Eisenhower during his visit there and during the lull of the ball, they introduced Mr. Eisenhower and who were on--who were on the platform with the orchestra. And during that time that we had our opportunity to present the scroll that we had prepared. And Mr. Pitts presented Mr. Adams with the scroll on which was on "Happy Birthday." And during the ball, we met some of the