

pick that certain man out by their living standards: how they carried themselves, how they lived, how they built up their homes, and one thing and another. And how they look toward the needy and one thing and another. They had to--each man had to name a certain party. And they thrash some men out. When they leave one or two--how many they need--well, they'd fill that vacancy. And when they get settled in that certain man they thought was fit to be one of their band, they just kept it secret until the big gathering. And they'd call them at a certain place to sit--dance--and they'd go over there-- Have you seen them down here lately? They done it here last summer here at Barefoot. They designate Saul Birdshead, Jr. to be one of the younger chiefs this past summer.

(Have you ever known it to happen that they would decide upon who would be appointed chief and then when the occasion came that they approached the man to tell him that he would turn it down?) That's his privilege--to turn it down.

(Has it ever happened that a person has turned it down?)

Yes. They had to look for another one. They pick maybe one or two. If the first one turns it down, then the other one falls into his place.

(Is it very common for a man to turn it down?)

Yeah, it's his privilege (misunderstanding the question). But once they're made chiefs, they chiefs forever, as long as they live. But I have seen men, chiefs, that turned that chieftainship over to someone else. But the authority lays upon their shoulders for a lifetime.

(What reason would they have, maybe, for not wanting to accept it?)

They thought themselves not qualified. Because the chiefs have to be something like a Christian. They have to take all the hardship and hard knocks, accusations and one thing and another. It's pretty hard to be a chief. You have to stand there just like dummy and take it!

PIPE CEREMONY FOR INSTALLING NEW CHIEFS

(If he accepts the chieftainship, is there some kind of a ceremony