

home, you just stick it in that tent door. Leave it there. They'll know what it's for." Well, they finally get word when this gathering was going to take place. Each one had to take that stick back in order for them to be counted.

(Were these sticks marked a certain way so he'd know what district it represented?)

No.

(How would they know what district it came from?)

Well, in case someone was in that camp that got one of those sticks, he, in turn, would tell the other party who owned those sticks, and where they came from. Therefore he would know where they were supposed to be. All right. If there wasn't anyone around, they would inquire around.

(Then they took the sticks back when they went?)

Yeah, they'd give them back to the owner. That way they were, what I say, picked out to be one of the guests to help out to help the other party out. So they have to help thrash out what the problem was. What they wanted done.

(If you went to one of these gatherings and you picked out some man to give a present to--would it be expected that he would give you a present some time later?)

Not necessarily. It's just between the individual parties to see if he wants to repay back. But if you are chosen to be that certain party's friend, well, you'd have to exchange presents.

#### HOW FRIENDS WERE SELECTED AND GIFTS GIVEN

(How would you know you were being chosen for a friend?)

By calling your name--just like they do now. That's where that's originated from.

(I just wondered if a man would ever go up to a man and say anything--"I would like you for my friend"--or what.)

That has been done, yes.

(Otherwise you would have his name called in public?)

Yes.

(Did they have announcers like they do now to call the people up?)

Yes. Same thing.

(If you picked out a man to be your friend, what kind of a