

him. All right. When he's elected chief, these that brought him up--picked him out--they disperse. Four men will come to him. One man in front of him--he always stands facing west. Maybe another man--another chief--come to him on--usually the old, retired chiefs--on his right side. And the other chief maybe on the left side to talk to. And then they start lecturing to him--his duties. Then they come to the point where they say, "Now it's been requested that your name be changed." Then this old man from behind comes up from behind. And he has a pipe. He listens --what his name's going to be. And they have an old word, just like the old Doxology, and old Bible; you know--he has a verse pretty well memorized. He says, "Now, so-and-so--you're a chief. Your name's gonna be chief. You're going to be depended on. If the chiefs say 'Now go get so-and-so,' they get you. Might be a visit that night. Might be raining. Might be stormy. Might be dark. But when they ask you go into this things, you--" And then he calls his new name, "Will go." And then there's a word--a phrase--they always use in Arapaho. And when he says that he puts that pipe across his back. He sets him down and puts that--no--it's up and down.

DISPOSITION OF NEW CHIEF'S OLD NAME:

(Is this one of those long pipes?)

Yeah, long. The stem is always up. "That'll be your duty." Then he repeats again whatever duties he's expected to do. "You will go when you're called upon. And by whatever these blessings your name will be so-and-so." And he puts that pipe crossways. Then that's his new name. Then after he gets through, then he walks and takes his place with the chiefs. Well, some of those young men and even women, run to the place where he stood and act like they're picking up something--just imaginary, you know. "My name's gonna be what his name used to be." Whether it be a man or woman. They do that.

(Why do they do that?)

Oh, it's just a custom. So that change of that name--the name that he left, somebody comes along and picks it up and they go by that name.