

know about the old ways--could you tell me who they were?)

Well, one of them was the chairman--Lawrence Hart.

(Is he Arapaho?)

No, Cheyenne from way out at Elk City. He's a Mennonite minister. He's one that got . . . and then a girl, also from Hammond--a Cheyenne. This Hart represented the Clinton district, but this girl, Henrietta Whiteman, represented her home district. By some means she got in--defeated a fellow by the Hoffman. Well, Hoffman gave her a pretty close race, but she lost out this time. So a fellow by the name of Hawk--moved from Thomas, Oklahoma around there, and he beat her. So those two that were exceptionally hard-set for their own ways--their own views--they both lost out. And one or two others. I don't know who they were, but they lost out.

(This Hawk that got on this time, he is Cheyenne?)

Cheyenne, yeah. Cheyenne district.

(Is this Hoffman you were talking about--is that Fred Hoffman?)

Fred Hoffman. He's chairman of the Native American Church, now.

(And he's on the Tribal Council?)

No, he's not, now. He got beat.

(Were you backing him?)

I was backing him, yeah. He's married to a niece of mine--an Arapaho girl.

(Who was the one that beat him this time?)

This Henrietta girl outvoted Hoffman by about two votes, but Hawk come along and beat her by quite a wide margin. So Hawk's got the post now. Henrietta's a smart girl and all that, but she didn't have no background and she's been mostly on her own record, you know--her achievements through school. That's don't count for nothing as long as they don't have the background--historical knowledge of the tribe.

(Well, would a man who wanted to be on the Tribal Council--would he ever enter his own name--or how would he ever go about getting on the Tribal Council?)