

go in there to elect officers. First they pick Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, Sergeant - at - Arms. And after the Chairman is elected, he establishes committees, legislation, and, say, like resources and different standing committees.

TRIBAL COUNCIL:

(When you were on the Council did you have to stand for re-election every two years?)

Oh yeah. Yeah.

(Where you ever defeated?)

Not that I know of. Oh, the last two times they had my name on the list but I told them I wasn't interested. I said even if I was gonna be considered for votes I'd shift my votes for so-and-so here. So I'm out. I never-- Well, one year in this Geary district we had no election. Why? Because we thought the Committee was satisfactory so what was the use of going to all that expense and worry by going out and voting for somebody. So we just let ours run and kept the incumbents on until the next. That's what we did once. I was retained on the Committee, but I relinquished my chairmanship for the following two years.

(Did anybody object to that?)

No, no. They didn't object.

(Did you ever do anything as far as campaigning, or trying to get yourself elected?)

No, I never did. Never did, never. Never promised nobody nothing and never was out expense of hauling people or nothing like that. Give them no dinners or anything, you know, to persuade them to support me. No, I never done nothing like that.

(Do some people do that?)

Oh, they do that all the time now.

(What about in earlier times, before that. Was there any way a person who was running for the Tribal Council could work to get votes or anything?)

No. There was no consideration of it. We didn't campaign. We didn't know who