

it scouting. And their experiences were group (?) and when all those stories were told, they must smoke a pipe. Because in the Arapaho way, the smoke of a pipe is an oath. You must not misrepresent anything. So that's the system. Now there are some stories where a group of these young men in that age organization that are pretty well unified in bravery and endurance and their scouting ability and truthfulness--some of those stories are based on some of those things. But it would take a long time to tell them, individually, because they're a group, you know. Certain years and in certain part of the country, like. Over the divide we used to go and fight the Utes and the Bannocks. But the Arapahoes and Cheyennes never fought the Navajo or the New Mexico or Arizona tribes because they always considered them as peaceful to the Indians.

(What did you mean by saying these stories were sort of "grouped"?)

Well, like one year there'd be another group grow up to become Starhawks. Well, their experiences are always grouped in the company among themselves. Those go in bands. And there's another organization--like the Tomahawks--go in bands. And what they call the Belt-Girdled or Girdled Spearmen--they go in band. They were more experienced than the younger ones. But they were getting older. But these Starhawks were always in their prime --of endurance and bravery and practically everything that they were trained for.

(On what occasions would they tell those kinds of stories?)

Any time. Any time. The family would know the story and the family would tell it--about their son or their grandson or their son-in-law--of his experience during his life--of activity. The