

not quite four feet long. And the top of it was made into kind of a comical-head--person or bear or tiger head or wolf head. Carved to that shape. And they always put a little skin--hair --on it, and fasten it on there to represent a head. Just tack it on there to represent the head. Sometimes it be a comical face or something like that.

(Who would do the carving on that?)

Those elders that's teaching these young men that are going to join that lodge.

(Back there when you were errand boy in 1912 and they were having this lodge and story-telling contest, what age were the men that belonged to that organization?)

Oh, they were about--past twenty--up to about thirty. There's some half-breeds that take part in there. Some of them maybe work in the Office, and some maybe on the Police force at the Agency. When their age limit is involved, then they have to join. Not that they're forced to, but if they think enough of Indian life and want to be somebody some time in their older life, they join that. I know some half-breeds in that lodge. Funny thing--they have to have their face painted you know. And a half-breed has more whiskers than an Indian. In a day or so their beard would start to grow and they had to shave!

(How was their face painted?)

I don't know just how, but they was painted with sort of little red here and maybe blue--little blue dots or something like that. But anyhow they had their face painted. Not just exactly, you know, but just so they had paint on their face to correspond to the body painting.