

(But a long time ago it was the custom to have the scalps on a stick?)

Yeah.

(Then who would carry these sticks?)

Well, whoever brought it--relative--nobody else. His folks. And the way I felt about this, boy, I don't think he should have brought it--because way in the old times they were wild. There was no law. They didn't have what we got now. We didn't have to go through all this red tape. And this boy bringing that thing, it look like he ought to get in trouble for it. It looks that way to me. But nobody--they think it's all right. I guess his folks are proud about it. I would never want my grandson to bring anything like that. It's bad enough we have bad luck around here, and for him to come and show that--he shouldn't do that. You know Cheyennes are proud. They want to be known. So I guess he wants to be known--maybe he wants to be a chief. They used to make them a chief, you know--these that brought them (scalps). Now during World War I there was one boy, Alfred Whiteman--he lives in Oklahoma City--he said he had scalped a German. And the Arapahoes just always smart (?)--he asked if he could bring it over here, and they told him he couldn't bring it, so he left it. He didn't bring it.

(You mean he left it over in Germany?)

Yeah. He asked--I guess he wrote down here to ask some business man over here, you know. They wrote back and told him it wouldn't be right for him to bring it, because there's lot of Germans around here, you know, and they didn't want him to bring it. So he left it. And here this Cheyenne had to bring it. Oh, I bet it's rotten!

(That was just here lately?)

Yeah. He's been here just a week. They said he brought one. And I guess they're drying it.