

The year I was initiated? It was either at the World War I or right after it.

(You were already married by then?)

Yeah, I was already married.

(Did you stay a member very long?)

I stayed a member till they quit. But I didn't attend all the meetings. You couldn't go over to all the meetings. They'd call a Blackfoot meeting, up to-- over at Anadarko and you have to go, because you're a member. Well, we attend most of them when we're around close. But not when it's not. But they have rules and regulations. And if you're in camp and they're holding a meeting and you're tardy, they're going to "kangaroo" you. And after certain time, say, eight o'clock is the deadline, for all of them to come in that was in camp. And if you don't show up by eight o'clock they got a hard--what you call "rawhide"-- it's stiff like buffalo hide--putting it across the doorway on those two tipi poles. And it's tall, too, you know. This whole flap of hide is about six feet (tall) from the bottom. You come in and they open the flap for you. They already-- You knock on the door (he knocks on the table).. "Nope. You can't come in. You're too late! You have to pay penalty or get kangarooed." "I take kangaroo!" Well, this boss said, "Will you let him in? He wants kangaroo." "All right, let him come in." "What you want to do for him?" Well, they have certain kangaroo laws. "You want to give him easy one?" "Huh-uh!" "Yeah. Give him the Turkey Trot!" (Guy sings a short selection of a fast, spirited, rhythmic song) And then gobble like a turkey (imitates turkey)! All right. Then the leaders get on there and the man begins to drum. And here he comes. "All right. Take your shirt off." "All right." "Put your hands around your waist!" (Hands on hips, elbows out, knuckles resting on hip, back side of hand facing front) (Sings again, a fast song.) They do the turkey trot. And when he stops they go (imitates turkey gobble) like a turkey. Everybody claps. They done that about