

we all sit around and these old people would tell it.

(How would you know when these old people were going to get together and tell stories?)

Well, I go around and start from here--"You come over and bring something. My great-uncle is here. He's going to tell stories tonight." Just go around and notify each other.

(Do they ever do that any more?)

No. Nobody does. Stories like this are forgotten. I met one boy here about last Saturday night. He's got an old grandmother. I said, "Do you know any stories, Homer?" He said, "Yeah." I said, "Come to my house. Let's exchange stories. I know lots of them. I'll tell you a story, too." "Yeah, I will," he said. "I always want to come and see you." I said, "We can just sit and tell stories." He said, "All right." But he hasn't come yet.

(How old is that boy?)

He must be about thirty-two.

(Are there any rules about telling stories that haven't been given to you?)

Yes, you can tell them--like "Little Red Riding Hood" has never been given to me, but I read it, and I can tell it. It's just like that.

(What about the Cheyenne stories--if you heard an old person telling a story, could you just tell that to anybody?)

Yeah.

(He doesn't have to say "I'm giving it to you"?)

No. But when you're telling someone a story, you got to let him know that you're listening and that you're still interested by saying "Hih" every once in a while, or else you might be asleep and