

(When they were having these story contests, like in the Tomahawks, and they had the Stalwarts and the Runts--what kind of stories would they tell?).

Anything that had a sort of a start. Now there's another story that I heard that's pretty positive, and it's true. Custer attacked Black Kettle over here at Cheyenne in Roger Mills (county). All the Plains Indians fled--the Kiowas, Cheyennes, Comanches, Arapahoes, and Apaches. They fled into Texas. However, there was some warriors out there in the divide somewhere. They were always looking for Utes. They used to come over. And these same two men--this one that claimed to have killed this Indian--and this Little Left Hand that actually struck him--were in that party. So when they worked their way back, coming through the north corner of Texas, they came to a farm ranch. And it was a Mexican that had a ranch down there. So they stopped there, and this Mexican talked good sign language. And he said, "Just not too long ago, down this way, soldiers--Yellow Hair--killed many chiefs--Black Kettle." And they didn't know what it was. They said, "We're going that way. Where are those Cheyennes and Arapahoes?" So he said, "I from a white man and a Mexican that all them Indians of different tribes--Kiowas, Comanches, Cheyennes and Arapahoes--fled down in Texas. They thought more troops would come in. Because the Arapahoes cut out Major Elliot and wiped him out. In that fight there was only one Arapaho killed." So these fellows followed. They didn't have no trail or nothing--just this travois path. They didn't have no roads. So they came to a lot of object-looking things ahead of them about two miles, and they went into it, and it was an old camp where a lot of