

was right around here.

(How would you call that "Medicine Bluff" in Arapaho?)

bε taénω xωtω.nω-- b ε taé--means "mystery." -xω xωtω.nω is "bank." It's claimed thattthe Arapahoes named it. It means "mystery bluff" or "wondrous bluff" or something like that. But the early interpreters had pretty limited vocabulary and they just thought anything like medicine supplies was the same as miracle or wonder or mystery.

MORE ON STORY CONTESTS AND MEN'S SOCIETIES

(You know that Tomahawk Lodge you attended when you were an errand boy--did you see them tell stories in there?)

Not during the dance. See, when we were there, I was trying to-- when I was trying to get them together we was out on errands, and they was getting ready to dance. There were no stories told. Until meal time.. That's when they have contests of stories for that dinner or supper. Whoever wins eats the biggest.

(What time of day would that be when they'd have that contest of stories?)

Oh, any time of day--morning, noon, night. I've seen them sit up till midnight. Sometimes they dance. Sometimes they sit around. And the old men would tell them just what their ways were and what their costumes would be and all that. I would always just sit and listen to them.

(How would they make a contest out of it?)

Well, just like this chief would say, "I done more than you have." And he said, "What makes you think you should be honored for what you did?" And then they'd start to tell it and they kept arguing back and forth. And they'd side with one another.