

(Now, we're talking about these two parts of the Tomahawk Company getting together and having their story contest, and you said there's one you call the "Stalwarts"--they're sitting on the north side?)

Yeah, north side. And the "Runts" or "Short Men" are on the south side.

(How do they divide up into Stalwarts and Runts?)

It all depends on their choice. Say, like if I was in the Tomahawks and some of my friends were on that side, I'd choose to be on the north side. Because I would know I'd have some good backing on some of them stories, to defeat the south (side). Or I might sit on the south side--they don't actually have to be tall men or short men. That's the title they recognize-- "Stalwarts" and "Runts."

(How often would they have these contests?)

Only during ceremonial, like during a Tomahawk Lodge gathering, or these here Girdled Spearmen. When they have those groups, and these societies get together--each organization--but this is only one place where these Tomahawks have two divisions. Pro and con--on either side, you might say.

JESS' EXPERIENCE WITH TOMAHAWK SOCIETY

(Did you ever attend one of these yourself?)

I was an errand boy twice--1912 I was errand boy southeast here about seven miles. My two cousins were in that and naturally I was considered one of the errand boys. They have to go out and get whatever they want, whatever it is (?). And in the camps if you come and say "I want calf tails" or "Have you got any sinew-- or buckskin--any green paint--" well, their folks have to dig