HIGHLIGHTS:
- Describes how pipes are made and gives some of their history.
- Lists various Sundance ceremonies he remembers.
- Describes various tipi designs amongst the Blood Indians.

John: Tell Joe about the wooden pipe bowls and the wooden rattles.

Dave: He (John) wants you to give him the information on the wooden pipe bowls and the rattles that are wood. When were they invented? You will tell a story just how you know about them.

Joe: I will tell him the story just how it was told to me. In the times of the days, those people had no iron tools. They make their own pots with sand and something else and the pot is made and used for boiling. They discovered bones for butchering. They also discovered wood, the maple. They cut them and work them with bones, and made spears with them too. The stone hammers were also their tools. Their pipes, they make their pipestems out of buckbrush. These buckbrushes are already hollow so they don't have to burn a hole through the stem. The pipe bowl is made out of wood too. They are called the straight pipe.

These straight pipes are put in with the Medicine Pipe. Later the pipes were made out of stone. They were changed from wood
to stone. They planted tobacco and smoked in these wooden pipes.

Now the rattle. The rattle is carved like a ball with a handle. Then this wooden carving is carefully split in half. After it is split in half lengthways, the two large ends are hollowed like wooden spoons. Then buffalo hooves are boiled. After they are well boiled and sticky small stones are put into the bowl of one of the carvings and then it is glued together with this sticky substance from the boiled buffalo hooves and it is put away till the glue dries. The wooden rattle is still existing. It is in the Long Time Medicine Pipe, the wooden rattle. The people that used dogs for transportation, was their rattle. They made spears out of wood and decorated them with feathers. They used the spears in their battles. They had a lot of use with wood.

These stories were told to me by my father's father. His name was Hair Lock Robe. Hair Lock Robe's young brother was Red Crow and Calf Sitting. All their stories were the same. Now the stories of the people are all different. The story that was told to me was the story from Red Crow, head chief of this reservation. There is a man by the name of Long Faced Crow (R.N. Wilson) wrote all these stories down. The stories disappeared. I missed them. I should have taken them.

John: How big is that Long Time Pipe? Has he seen it?

Dave: Have you ever seen the Long Time Medicine Pipe? What length is it?

Joe: Yes, I have seen it. It is not very long in length. There are two pipes. One is called the side pipe, which is the smoking pipe. It is also decorated. The one we dance with is very nicely decorated.

John: Now the drums.

Dave: Now the drums.

Joe: The drums are simply decorated. They are painted all over with ochre and with a circle of purple paint in the centre and the inside is dotted with ochre.

Dave: How many drums?

Joe: Four drums.

John: There is a scalp owned by Steve Bruised Head. He said that belongs to the Long Time Pipe.

Dave: There is a scalp owned by Stever Bruised Head. He claims that it belonged to the Long Time Pipe.

Joe: It is worn around the neck.

Dave: I forgot who gave it to him.
Joe: Is it just a scalp?

Dave: Yes, once he was trying to sell it to him (John Hellson) but he was taken north at that time (Charles Camsell Hospital).

Joe: I told you that I am 73 years old. Sometimes I go and watch. The owner is given a shell necklace to wear, his wristlets and his topknot. I never saw a scalp, maybe he had had it long ago. Owns Many Horses owned it; he must have had it for 40 years. And our new head chief, Shot On Both Sides, had it for 30 years. And another man had it too. His name is Sioux, had it for 20 years. A man by the name of Eagle Head owned for 60 years.

John: There is a man from this country from the States, from a big museum, and he had informants to tell him things. Some of them were very old men then. I've forgotten some of them and he said the old men in 1880 he remembered were 80 years of age men. So they were born in the seventeens. They told him that the pipe was so old that it was used in the dog days before the horses came and when they transferred it dogs were used. What does he think of that?

Dave: There was a white man who wrote all the Indian stories; now they're all at the museum in the Archives. He mentioned about the Long Time Pipe. His informants were old men; they were at the age of 80 years. They informed him that the Long Time Pipe was ancient. This is in the dog days. When it is transferred, dogs were paid on it for the transferal.

Joe: There is one thing I didn't mention. In the days dogs were for general use, in all holy bundle ceremonies dogs were given for payments. They used them for transportation.

Dave: That is true. Whenever a bundle is transferred in the dog days you will give your dogs for it.

John: And this pipe came from the ghosts.

Dave: It is true. This is the pipe of the man that brought his wife back from the dead.

Joe: It is not true. The man that brought his wife back from the dead, his pipe was called the Shappy Pipe. It is an unlucky pipe. It went to the grave and back to the ghosts.

Dave: No, it is not from the ghosts. It was the Shaggy Pipe that came from the ghosts.

John: How old is Joe?

Dave: Seventy-three.

John: What was his father's name?
Dave: What is the name of your father?

Joe: My family name?

Dave: Gambler.

John: He's a Blood or Peigan?

Dave: What is he, a Blood Indian or a Peigan?

Joe: A Blood Indian.

John: Now his grandfather's name.

Dave: What is your grandfather's name?

Joe: Okay! It is hard. His name is Owl Boy. He is an old man from the east end. He is a relative to Day Chief, the east end people's head chief.

John: When they started making stone pipes from that gray stone, where do they get their stone?

Dave: Where do the men get their stones for making pipes?

Joe: They are on the river banks near Lethbridge. They are in layers. That is where I get my stones from.

John: As far as he can remember do they always have their Sundance at Belly Buttes?

Dave: As far as you can trace back do you always have your Sundances at the Belly Buttes?

Joe: No! Down the river there is a place called Willows In the Water. On the other side of this place along the valley, my grandfather said.

That was where a Holy Lodge was put up by Hair Lock Robe. It is called the Buckbrush Sundance. The following summer there was another Sundance at the same place. Then after, there was a Sundance on the east side of the Hutterite Colony between the two rivers. We call it Shot By Mistake. A procession was on the way for the covering of the Holy Lodge. All riders would drag young trees at the end of their ropes. It was a custom in those days, a rider will fire a shot. A rider fired a shot and the bullet hit the rider in the back who was in front of the rider that fired the shot. The one that was killed was Long Time Bird and the name of the one that fired the shot was Many Chiefs. The next Sundance was on the south side of the Belly River Bridge by Lizard Shoulder. Then we call the Riot Sundance. The Riot Sundance was sponsored by Chopped Down.

You must have heard about Eagle Shirt. In those times men that go on the warpath will make a vow to have one of his fingers chopped off and to offer it to the Sun. Eagle Shirt's finger
was chopped off inside the Holy Lodge. A policeman was there and his informants informed him that the man was Eagle Shirt and he was arrested. Eagle Shirt resisted and then the riot started. My father was leading his horse towards the centre. In those days it was a nonsense. Men would lead their best horses to the Holy Lodge. The horse just had a bridle. It was a brown horse with a white strip above the nose and curly tail.

Eagle Shirt was led by the hand to my father; he takes my father for a brother. My father held his horse by the bridle and Eagle Shirt was boosted up on the horse and my father let it go and Eagle Shirt took off. That is how Eagle Shirt escaped. He was pursued by a man named Tall and Weasel Tail was short and stout. He ran and tripped him and Tall went flying. We don't know which way his revolvers went as people were walking in all directions.

Men had already started counting coups in the Holy Lodge. Their boiled meat, fried bannock, and berry soups were all knocked over in the commotion.

It was quite a confusion and at nightfall only four tipis were left; the rest all fled during the night. The first Sundance at the Buttes was at the inner Belly Butte. The camps were almost to the top of the hill. This Sundance was sponsored by a woman by the name of Yellow. The following summer Red Crow's wife sponsored a Sundance at the same place, a little lower from the previous Sundance. Then from then on we were having our Sundances at the Belly Buttes.

Just recently there was a Sundance; we call it the Whiskey Sundance. Nowadays drinking is not bad. At this Sundance everybody at the camps must have been drunk. People were put in jail but they kept drinking so we called it the Whiskey Sundance.

Then we had another Sundance when the camps were lullabied. Then we had another Sundance at the foot of the Belly Butte. This Sundance was sponsored by First Charger. He sponsored nine Sundance lodges.

Rainy Chief sponsored four Sundance lodges at the same place and he died. Then we didn't have any more Sundances at the other side of the coulee. The only time we ever did have another Sundance on the other side of the coulee was last summer. Now we are having our Sundance regularly on this side.

John: There is one other. What are the tipi designs he can remember? Tell him here, on the Bloods.

Dave: How many tipi designs do you know here on the Bloods?

Joe: I know the Buffalo Head design and the Head Down design and then my father's father design, the Skunk Tipi design. It was famous. Then the Half Black Tipi design, the Sheep Tipi design, the Prairie Chicken Tipi design, the Horse Tipi design.
Two War Tipi designs, the Otter Tipi design, the Yellow Tipi design, the Hoof Tipi design, the Fish Tipi design, the Snake Tipi design, the Stripped Tipi design, the Rib Tipi design, the All Painted Tipi design, the Half Yellow Tipi design, the Half Yellow Otter Tipi design, the Gnawed Tipi design, the Downward Star Tipi design, the Across Tipi design.

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