Side A

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GHOST STORIES

(Uh-huh.)

You find out; I'm going to. Tomorrow night, just to see.

(Now where was this you saw it?)

Up here at Grand Prairie right around that hill.

(Oh, yeah, Ben Grasshopper.)

And he went. I was up there, too. Me and Bud was (words not clear) he said, "Let's go get them Miller girls, we're going have it here." I said, "All right." And you know that banker at Tahlequah, you know, Earl Squires? (Yeah.)

First State Bank, well, he's in there. And he's riding an old plug horse. I had a cow horse. Me and him went together, we come around there and we couldn't find them girls--done gone. We went up the hill, Wade, he's up there, "by George", he said, "I'm going to see that bugger tonight." I said, "You will if you leave here before anybody else." "I'm going", he said, he stayed about two hours got up on his horse and away he come, just awhistling. He said he met that woman right there where that big Grasshopper, where he turned off. He said there was a woman coming into the road there. Moonlight night. He said that woman didn't have no head on.

(Oh, Hooley!)

God-dog, he said that son-ofa-gun, he said he spured old Baldy-- (I've got to drive by there tonight.)

(Laughs) And that son-ofa-gun--

(I'm going to go home with you.)

He said he took off; he come around the hill then, you know where one turns on the side by the bridge, the road that goes up that way, you know. When