

Well, a paddle and at times, when we got too mean, they would whip us with some kind of a rubber hose they had back in them days when we got too mean.

(Like, if you ran off--tried to run off, did they whip you with a rubber hose?)

Yes.

(Did that bruise you?)

Well, no, not exactly, not exactly what I would call bruise, but they taught us a lesson. We minded them pretty good, not the way it's happening these times.

(Oh, I see. Well, Luke, now that put you up into your late teens when you got out of Seneca school, so after that, what happened?)

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Well, when I got I would say somewhere between fourteen and fifteen years old, got so mean they run me off. They expel me from Seneca Indian school. I regret it right now. I didn't know this education was most important in my life. So, when I was about eighteen years old, the United States government set up a program called the Civilian Conservation Corps, and you had to be eighteen years old to join the Corps, which I did when I was eighteen. They sent me to Prague, Oklahoma and these camps, these Civilian Conservation Corps was set up, oh, in the radius of seventy-five to one hundred miles apart throughout the state, and all the United States.

(Is that what they call back then, the CCC camps?)

Yes. CCC and they would--back in them days back in 1935-36-37 they would pay us a dollar a day, thirty dollars a month and back in them days, times were really rough.

(You got your room and board, too, didn't you?)

Yeah, room and board, three square meals, I would say. Then we would send home about \$22 of the money back to the family and we would keep