

It was. It was a good farm. You could just raise anything. Now it won't hardly raise nothing well.

(Well, all the good land is all taken up by the government. That's the way it is everywhere.)

Yeah.

(Yeah, all the good timbers gone too, I guess.)

Yeah, all the good timbers gone.

(I guess you can remember when they had lots of good timber in there.)

Yeah, I can.

(And that little town of Murphy, it just about gone, too, isn't it?)

Oh, there ain't nothing there now.

(Can you remember anything about that town? When it was going?)

Oh, yeah. There used to five stores there when I first came here.

Now it ain't there.

(Yeah. Had railroads, too, I guess.)

Yeah. Railroads are all gone.

(Who all lived down in that country long time ago?)

Oh many. There's so many, I can't hardly think of names. I used to know everybody in the country, but forgot some of 'em. Forgot their names.

RAIL SPLITTING

I remember when there wasn't no crosscut saws.

(Is that right? Well, just chop it down with an ax, I guess.)

People used to give rail splitting, you know, to clear a lot of land then. Give rail splitting and they'd go out and cut the timber and get it ready. And then they have a rail splitting. Big dinner.

(Big dinner and a rail splitting. I bet that would be something to see, wouldn't it?)

Yes, it would.