

In the olden days, that's what they were doing, stealing, killing different things, and killing people, I guess.

(They were a bunch of outlaws.)

Yeah. They were a bunch of outlaws. I didn't give 'em trouble or nothing. I didn't get hardly nothing. I didn't have no sense, no how. I got back and mother sent me right on to the Seminary. I didn't know my ABC's.

(A whole lot of thing have happened up and down that Grand River.)

Yeah. I used to fish there at the Grand River outside from Strang, Lynch's Prarie. There's a school that we call Requah School House. We didn't live far from it. That's where the Indians went to school. In all of my traveling, I'm about 87 years old, and I never had any trouble with no body.

(Connie West is dead, and Joe is still living.)

Alice: Maybelle said that he was still living. You know they ain't a colored family. Ah, yes, there is one woman. This one woman lives way back up on Spavinaw. Sometimes, I sit here and think, "Well, how can it be that way?" God must intended for it to be that way.

COOKING FOOD IN EARLY DAYS

(I guess so. When I was a small kid, I can remember when we lived on a farm by Centralia, every family, the women folk, put up all kinds of stuff for winter; but you don't hear about any one doing that any more. Even my grandparents talk about the 1800's. They put up lots of stuff.)

Alice: Yes, you can grow vegetables now, and when you put them on to cook, you don't have to cook them from early in the morning until noon. If you do, it will be a mush. When I was a child, we raised everything like you said. In the mornings as quick as breakfast was over, we'd get