

that big. I didn't think it was dry... Dry limb, thought I would stand on it. Well, I broke it and I fell in the water. Winter time too.

(Well, who saw you?)

Them girls. I swim out myself. And the snow was on top, ice was on top. As I crossed I just kept hitting it like this. I swim acrossed. I got on the bank they pulled me out of that water. My shoes was just full of water and my clothes. One had the fire built out there. They took my clothes off and wring em out and hang em while I was sittin there with my coat on. They get dry and I put em on and go to building and change my clothes.

(Did the teacher see fyou?)

Um-hum. (Yes) Told me I don't wanna see you round the persimmon tree no more. Still I'd go round there. I'd sneak round there and get to them persimmons. And they stopped me from going to the mail box. Matron gets it. Boy gets the mail and brings it and dump it on table. Letters all over. I'd get my mail. One day I went upstairs and my mail was open. It was my mail. Bills was just packed in there. Mother sent me bout fifty some, fifty some, fifty dollars. And bills was just all in there. Some girl open it, saw the bills and stole it. But we not all allowed to steal. All of it (was gone.)

(Do you know who stole it?)

Uh-uh, (No)

(Were the socials dances or did you eat?)

Oh yes, we had dances we go to sometime. They took that away from me and I dont' go to dances.

(How long did you not get to go to dances?)

'Bout three weeks.