

sitting together about a hundred yards apart. Now, well, we didn't have any gun but they'd been eating and they don't fly. They were so close to the road--about a hundred yards. So there's a farmhouse right down the road. So we drove up there and they asked the farmers if he won't lend us a gun to shoot an eagle. So, he let us have a shotgun and we come on back. And we got like that old Indian fussing over a rifle and one of them got killed. I wanted to shoot him and Cecil says, "I want to shoot him." And I had the gun, and he said, "Let me shoot him." So he just out-talked me and I let him have it. "I don't believe you can shoot. I don't think you know how to handle a gun," I says. "You're going to let him get away. You better let me shoot them. I'll get both of them and then you can have one of them." "No," he says, "I'll get them." So I let him do the shooting. I drove the car right close to them and I told him to shoot without jumping out. Just from the car. But he said, "No, I'll get out and I'll get him." So when I stopped, the eagles went to flying. He never handled a gun much, like I said. Tried to shoot him, but he had his gun in the air, and his eye on the eagle. He pulled the trigger up in the air. I said, "You didn't shoot at the eagle. You shot in the air!" "Yes, I did! I hit him! I knocked the feathers out of him." "I said, 'You should have shot him a second time. That's the reason I told you you don't know how to handle a gun.' If it had been me I would have got both of them.

(Was that very long ago?)

Yeah. About ten years ago. He was much younger than he is now. But he don't know how to handle a gun. He's not experienced.

TRAPPING EAGLES:

(Well, back in the old days, when they used to capture eagles, could just anybody go out and hunt for eagles or did just certain people do that?)

Well, it was, it was anybody that want to, want to capture eagles. But it's not just anybody that could go out there and, inexperience of catching eagles--go out there and get 'em. The eagles are very smart. And wise. Unless you're sharp and make things real-- You can fool an eagle, but just don't everybody can fool him. They will see some brush look like it's been worked over. They're not getting there. Now I used to trap 'em.

I used to trap the deers, animals, and wild animals like coyote, wolves, badgers, coon,