

and so I know how to set traps. So I used to trap for eagles. I did catch two. But I just got one of them. I had a trap setting on a mountain, this limestone hill. I had a jack rabbit. I laid--I put my--I put my jack rabbit, and I cut it wide open and I laid it there--then I tied it down. I tied it down, and then I judge about the distance. I tried to judge the length of a eagle's stretch, after he set down. And he stretch his neck over to eat. I guess it over a foot--almost two foot. Well, he just sit here and he got to eat with his mouth and maybe he'll move up a little closer to get a better bite. And I put the trap there--about where I think that is his distance to stretch his neck to eat with. Cause he's not going to get up close for a long time until he thinks everything's all right. Then he'll step over a little closer to that trigger. That's the reason I got him. I judged about where he was. well, I set the trap again and some white folks was going up the hills for--I don't know why they going up there--they shoot some wild animals. They go up there in the hills, they said. And they went right by my traps. They went right by my traps and on up futher north. And I met them afterwards coming back and they had an eagle. And it was a white woman, Jeanette Rowe, accompanied by John Stevens. They had an eagle.- And I said, "Where did you get it?" "well, Miss Rowe killed it--she--the lady shot it. Shot it with this pistol." You know it's impossible to kill eagle with pistol! And I think he killed it in my trap. But I didn't say that--I didn't accuse them. I just let them take it away. And I--afterwards I went to see my traps and I seen it had blood on it. So, undoubtedly, they must have killed him in my trap.

(I'll bet they did.)

That's the reason I say I caught two eagles, but I didn't get the other one.

(What kind of a trap was it?)

Oh, it was just a steel trap, regular coyote--wolf trap. About this size. About a No. 4 trap, I think they call it.

(Did you have to cover the trap up?)

Yeah, I dug a little hole in there and I put it in there. Then I put little twigs and grass twigs and cover grass over it. Made it look like nothing but grass there. You've got to fix it so it look like it's just grass--nothing there. But if there's any fresh