

Well, I tell you they make you go.

(Which one?)

Oh, they go about ten o'clock.

(Was it a Baptist?)

I couldn't tell. I ain't got no sense.

DUKE POOR BUFFALO WAS A PRANKSTER

(Tell him about that story. What was that woman's name that played the piano and you all was marching and this crazy boy that was the clown he throwed a frog on that piano.)

Yeah, Miss Hattie Smith, well she's got a sharp nose and she look like a witch and every time she play march song she throw her head one way like that just like a horse. So Duke (Poor Buffalo) come along and that crazy man, he got a toad somewhere and he throwed it right on this piano track (keyboard). Boy, that crazy woman about had a fit. She fell back and Duke Poor Buffalo got a good punishment.

(But Duke was always doing crazy tricks wasn't he Grandfather?)

Sure, you know how the boys are.

(They put him in a closet and what did he do?)

Well, he holler and kick that closet door.

(Why did they put him in a closet?)

They couldn't teach him nothing. They would tell him something and he would just say the opposite and make all the class laugh. So they put him in the closet and he set fire and the papers and the smoke began to come out of the closet and they had to let him out. Grandfather said that is one boy who didn't learn anything and that was Duke Poor Buffalo.

(Were all the teachers and the principal all white?)

Yes, they were all white.