

WORLD WAR I:

No, this was World War I. No, no World War I, oh no,

(But lot of people didn't wanna go, huh?)

Oh, they didn't want their sons--jest like--I know some people over here, I can't remember the name, I know two men right here..

(That went outa the country?)

No, they didn't go outa the country, they got this deferment and one of them house-house boys never did a lick of work in their life.

(How did they get deferred?)

Their daddy owned some land out here east of town. And he set 'em out there and he went someplace and bought about 40 head of cattle, brought 'em out there and bought 'em a tractor and put them boys out there and one of 'em jumped up and got married little ole-- he didn't care no more about that girl than nothing. He jest you know, what I mean, he liked her a little better than he did some of the others.

(You say some of these people were getting sent out of the country?)

Yeah, this old man that started that town out, you know, there where I was born, see, I'm not gonna call no names--he might have 14 kids livin'. And they sent him to Old Mexico--he didn't come back until after the war. Oh, heck, he wanted this country for Germany.

(He did?)

You better believe it.

(This was in World war I or II?)

World War I. Now I tell you an incident another incident that happened during World War I and my father stopped it--the bad part. There was a couple, they were German people, you know, they were immigrants from--but they were very nice people. They were real nice and they had no more love for Germany because well, they didn't have a good life there, you know. Things were bad and they'd come over here and this was the "Promise Land" for them. And they made a good home and they lived and they mined their own business and everything. But there were a-- out that he was a German and all that kind of stuff and I im-