

(This is a continuation from part II, side A of the visit with Ralph and Mary Keener. This recording is made out of doors and at night. In the background is the sound of night bugs, tree frogs and dogs. Mr. and Mrs. Keener have lived on Spring Creek here for the last 37 years, and are well acquainted in this Cherokee Community of Ballou. Mr. Keener is an avid wolf and coyote hunter. And does much hunting at night in this area. They tell of whippoorwills and screech owls disappearing from the area, probably due to increased settlement. Also, they tell about their observation of the stars and what they mean to the Indian people. They also relate much information about the use of Indian medicine, about how some of them are made and some of the preventitives and cures used by the Indian people. They also tell about Indian foods and where terrapins and turtles and craw fish are used. Mr. Keener tells about the disappearance of eels which was a favorite food of the Indians. The construction of dams on rivers. Eels are no longer to be found on the creeks and rivers of northeast Oklahoma. This recording continues after a lapse of one minute and forty seconds. --That's quite a sport isn't it, that night hunting?)

LIKES TO HUNT

Yeah, I like it.

(Where do you go here?)

I go down (not clear)--wolves been howling around those empty houses you know. I been down there lots of times. They caught one the other night, Monday night. I really enjoy it. I know