

come next day, big truck and they took off one cow, but got the rest.

(They have always been cows, cattle up and down this valley, though, hasn't it?)

Yeah. We've just had this, bout two, three years, this stock, though. Yeah.

We had awful good room back this way, it's all open for miles. We, them's

all the cows I ever owned is that little bunch. I kept steers from time I

was bout sixteen years old. I'd buy my calves in the fall, keep 'em over

winter, winter 'em pretty good, next year I'd sell 'em, buy more. Made a

heap more that I'd made out of cows. Lost trouble with cows. I'd just turn

these steers out, with an old cow with a bell on. I'd lose some 'em, people

would steal 'em if they get way from home, they don't steal 'em much anymore.

(Do people still keep a bell on their lead cow anymore?)

No. They don't stay together.

(That something that's gone in the past, isn't it?)

We kept a bell on one long as they run outside, the boys did, but that

wouldn't keep 'em together, jest be ten or fifteen foller the bell, the rest

jest scatter.

SORGHUM MOLASSES AND FRUIT ORCHARDS

(Did they ever raise any sorghum can in this valley?)

Yeah. Used to raise lot of it. They's feller up there by that schoolhouse,

raised a little patch this year. Had to haul it way back over there close

to Westville to get it made. Now the high now. Sorghum is. Four dollars

a gallon, that's what it is selling here. I kinda like 'em.

(I do, but it's hard to find now.)

He's the only feller I know that's got 'em. Used to be, was a feller across