

THE FIRST CROP HE EVER MADE - HE USED A MULE TEAM AND A WALKING CULTIVATOR

No sir. You know, just think, when I first moved up here to the farm I had a fifteen inch walkin plow and a mule to cultivate it. Walkin tools you know, that's the way I made my first crop and I broke a team of mules. I didn't even have a team. I broke a team of mules for my brother and put in my first farm crop. And maybe you think I didn't have it with that wild team of mules just using that cultivator. I was worn out anyway. If one got ahead of the other' un the durn thing would pretty near fall down (laughter) nearly fall all to pieces. But you know, I tell you a fellow had it in him to work. I'll tell you now, they got the tractors and everything that can plow that corn six times faster than with a walkin cultivator. And I had corn out here on the prairie, my stalk field looked jest like a bottom stalk field. I raised as good corn the first year. And farmed with a team of mules. Now, you know, I tell you, sometimes you stop the feelin and you just feel kind like your ribs jest stoppin.

(And you feel a little bit guilty too don't you.) (laughter)

That's right. You know I tell you, you fodder a team of old mules all day and you've got sumpin.

FAMILIES VISIT OVERNIGHT. NECESSARY TO TRAVEL IN WAGON

You know, when I was a kid, we didn't have no way a going any place only in a wagon. And we'd all load up and mybe go down on the creek and fish all day. And maybe load up and go and stay all day with some of the neighbors and maybe all night but we'd stay all day, why we had the biggest times, us kids playin' you'know and I never will fergit it. We'd you know we'd go over to Uncle Jack Morris's and Bill and all of us jest have a good time. One time, I remember it well, we was up in the woods there at home and the dogs treed a rabbit. And you know it was one of these here holes up in the tree down here one end and we was up there lookin for him to come out.