

(My goodness.)

Yes. I've seen him do that many a time. Take--people come, say, "Riley I want to get you to make a coffin." So and so died. "Well you got any lumber?" "No." Why he'd just go out there in barn loft, and take out so many planks out of his barn loft. And he kept on till he took all his planks out of his barn loft. Thirty by forty feet. The barn wasn't floored with the lumber. He had old native lumber. He taken it out and make coffins. He used to have an old work bench out under big old maple tree. It was right like that, but in the corner of the yard. And a road run right in front of the house. And people would come there and he'd make coffins out there. Now you can't see no home made coffins.

MANNER OF PUTTING AWAY THE DEAD

A woman died down there at the old mission one time. Her name Montgomery, Carrie Montgomery. And my middle name is after hers.

(Uh-huh)

And she was sitting and playing the organ one night in church. And she just got up and walked out as they was singing the last stanza of the hymn. And she just quit right in the middle of that, and walked out of the house. Walked oh--a little further than cross the road. About far from here as cross the road out there. And she just keeled over like that. And they brought her over close to the building where she was staying, the old school, just away from the school house. There's a bunch that stayed out there, this boarding school. And she used to sleep in there. She had a room in there. Her room was downstairs. And uh--so when they--well didn't have no funeral homes. The women went up there and dressed her. Washed her and bathed her. Cleaned her up. Dressed her. And another old lady whose name was Bavinger. And the doctor's wife was a big healthy looking woman. And she just made a remark about that old lady. Says "you'll be the next one we'll be putting away." The old lady Bavinger she said, "bye". She took her quotation like this.