

Stecker and that Hutchin boy, and Mason. They always want to be last to go in. Boy, they fight over that. Old Stecker, he goes over that schoolyard and then across the road and gets on the other side of that woods, and stands there. Boy, that teacher wait on him. Pretty soon that professor come out. "Come on, Stecker!" "I want to be last!"

So he come in, you know. And somehow him and that Hutchins boy, they got into it. Boy, there was some coal, you know. They were all busy coming in, and they was fighting over that coal bucket. We got one of them coal buckets. We burn coal there. Stecker wants to go after it and that Hutchins boy wants to go after it. So they got into a fight over that coal bucket. Somehow, Stecker hit him. Boy, he sat down and that coal bucket turn over. That teacher come over there. When that teacher come over there, Stecker picked him and brush him off. He turned over that coal bucket! (Everyone laughs.) He run over this coal bucket.

#### NINTH ANECDOTE

Ace, (One of Alfred's brothers) when he first started to school, he raise up his hand. He wants to go out. The teacher says, "O.K." So he goes out. He don't come in for a long time. Finally somebody-- he was sitting there--we got a place where we got our lunch buckets.

He was over there at those lunch buckets, looking for the best one!

When he gets to the best one, he sits down right there and starts eating.

Teacher got there. He closes it and puts it back and comes in. Boy, for a long time nobody never did catch on. He was little, then.

(Did that teacher ever give whippings?)

Boy, yeah. I got a whipping for doing nothing.

(Ace Alfred used to go after them switches.)

#### TENTH ANECDOTE

You know them green snakes? Live ones. They're gentle. You can pick them up and play with them as long as you don't hurt them. Somehow we find one in the schoolyard. He put it in that teacher's desk. He