

there-everything.

(How old would you say you were?)

I must have been about 7-between 7 and 8--along in there. And at eight-- anyway, let's see now--eight along in there--eight--you see, we had one vacation--I remember well we had a vacation, and we went back to school. See, I was born in July and I must have been 7 then--7 in July 23. It was in the summertime you know. They didn't have no school. September, why they brought us back to school. I must have been 8 then. Well, when I was there--why then, someway, a great big school--it was all frame and it burned. That school-- that whole school burned up. It's a good thing none of us were in bed. It just happened that we were getting ready to get in bed. The fire bell rung. And we all jumped up and said, "Fire! Fire! Fire!" You know. Us little girls, we just trotted around that rug there, you know. We didn't know what to do--Just like crazy bugs! You know how a bug goes.

(Let's see, you're telling about that fire, when the school burned down.)

The school. And when some way, some how, we all cross the neighborhood was all roused up you see--by that time even our people at home were roused up when they seen the places. But some way, some how, my--our--folks didn't see it. But anyway all of us got on the road and some of us just track for home. But me and my sister we didn't strike for home. We just went home with somebody else. Some little girls followed them home. The girls and boys just went in ever direction. See, they didn't wait for the matron or anybody to tell them what to do, see, we just all so scared. We just all just run and went home. See, ya? And everything just burnt to the ground. We all struck the road because we were all just children then and there was no problem. There was no tiredness. We just all got home safely from wherever we were. I just don't remember who I went with, but I went with somebody--her and I