

--read and write.

(I bet it was hard going to school and not knowing any English.)

Oh, yeah. It sure was to me.

(How did you learn it?)

I picked it up. In a year's time I learned how to speak a little English --not too much but finally I learned.

(Did your mother ever learn any English?)

They don't know a word of English. Till we got married, my wife and I, and raised my boy. When he start to talk, he start talking English. And he talked to his grandma and she don't know. She gets after him. "I don't know what you're talking about!" Finally she got to where she says a word or two of English.

FRED'S FARMING AND HELPING HIS FATHER FARM

(You know, going back to this farming--how long did you all farm this bottom land on your dad's place? When did you start farming up on the hill?) After we move away from the bottom down there, we got to move up on the hill there, and I remember that's when I started farming back in 1918, 1919--back in '17, '18, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23, '24, '25. I farmed it all that time till '25.

(Now you, yourself, did you ever farm down in the bottom, or was it always--?)

No.

(How did you ever come to move from the bottom to up on the hill?)

I don't know. They just want to move from down there. They had that place leased out. So they move away from there. And we didn't have no house for a long time. We camped at the corner where that Wetseline Mission is--right across the road from there. Camped right there at the corner. We have two tents up all the time. We live in that till they--I don't know--mother always said they borrowed money from the government to build a house--