

MADE LIVING OFF OF LAND--COAL OIL LAMPS--SCREEN DOOR

Elmer he hauled off a load of ties there one time there and he come back an' it was tie timber and shingles you know 'bout the main living-- had a few chickens--got their own eggs. Wild hogs and stuff like that-- have four or five cows--people got along pretty good.

(Uh-hum. They mostly lived off the land then.)

Yeah. Had them ole' coal oil lamps--didn't have no screen doors-- don't see how they hardly kept the flies out of the house you know, but they took newspaper--they had a little stick about that long--oh about big around as (word not clear) little bigger but sew that around that--stick a few times. Have them ole' thrashing hands around there-- raised a little wheat. Then when they cooked dinner for the thrashing hands something like that you know when they get through thrashing. Why they'd--couple of them woman--they had a big long table--they'd stand keep them flies away from the table.

(Keep the flies away while they was eating?)

Yeah while they was eating they mind the flies.

(Off the hands.)

Now people--couldn't get along without screen doors anymore you know.

(Yeah that's true.)

HUMOROUS INCIDENT OF UNDERSTANDING USE OF ELECTRICITY

I don't believe they could. These electric lights--There's an old man over here at Fort Smith. He and his old lady lived out there in the country. He went to town one night and--on a little business. It was about twenty-twenty-five miles from where he lived. I don't know, I guess he went a foot maybe--might have rode a horse but he stayed at a hotel--they had electric lights over there you know. Them old delco things they used--kind of like electric. And he went up to his room to