

once, the Farmers.

BURNED TERRAPIN SHELLS TO KEEP TORNADOS AWAY

(Well, most of the Cherokees--the old-timey Cherokees they usually burn terrapin shell, don't they? When they know a storm is coming?)

Maggie: Uh-huh. That's the reason--

(Do they just burn it on the stove and let it get hot or-- They say a little something with it, too, don't they?)

No, you don't, you just put it in there. That's what grandma told me.

(And the fumes will make it go away?)

You put-- you don't have to burn it--just put it wherever you got a fire, but just--if it ain't a-blazing just set it on there. That's what it takes care of it.

(Oh, just so you don't put it in the blaze.)

You can put it in the blaze if you want to, but you know--

(You don't have to.)

Maggie: Just like George here, he had a gas stove, you can't burn it, just-- Just set it on top there.

Maggie: Pie pan whatever it is and put it on the top, you know, you think it's coming, you know. You can tell it will get dark, clouds, you better put it on quick as you can, you know before it--

Well, you know how come they do that? My grandma told me it this way, what I know

(I'm not sure.)

Well, what she told me said you take a terrapin, said if you'll scare him, said he'll close up and you can't get ahold of 'em. He's inside. Said the same way that terrapin you put it on this house will be just like that. Can't get in. That's why they stay away, escape. That's what she told me, now I don't know