

one that they'd ever seen now. And it was a Black Diamond Rattlesnake.

(Wonder what ever happened to that hide?)

Oh, I think somebody stoled it when they stole your mounted things you had.

And so he, they skinned it and old Joe Downing, an old Indian down there, offered to buy that from me to make him a belt out of. And he said if you'll let me have it I'll put your name on it. But the boys wanted to keep it.

And Dan heard us shooting and he was down in the field and he took one of the horses out and come up there on a horse to see what was wrong. He didn't know what was the matter.

(All that shooting.)

All that shooting. And he come up there and he said, "I'd give anything in the world if you hadn't killed it." "I'd captured it." And I said, "Yeah, you'd captured it." (Laughter).

(He was kinda like Dave. He always trying.)

"I'd have got a thousand dollars worth of money out of that snake."

(Yeah. Dave was always trying to get snakes.)

But I tell you, they told me that always after that, whenever one got killed that way the other one would follow in it's path. It's mate, they had mates. But I always went with the kids to get water.

(Uh-huh.)

And I never let them go to that spring without going with them I was scared to death. I was a shooting. I shot, they had nine shells in it, one of these things you know. And I shot ever shot of it. And I think I hit it ever time nearly. But I didn't hit the dogs. But you know them dogs didn't die. One of them did but the other one didn't.

(One of them get bitten?)

They both got bit.