

(You must have had a lot of experiences.)

Well, I don't know. It didn't seem like I had any excitement hardly.

/second female voice: Excitement when you got locked in./

Well, that wasn't any excitement. Little girls wanted to play a trick on me. And they just locked the door. And when I told 'em to open the door, they opened the door and that was it. We never had any hard feelings, just a joke.

(Did you live near the school--)

Yes. We lived about a mile and a half from here. Mile and three-quarters.

(But you had buggies, I guess, to ride in.)

We had buggies and went horseback. And they brought some of the children in buggies.

(Well, that seemed like--so far removed from this day and age. Even down home now mothers haul their children just one block to school.)

Yes, they do. My, they're raising a bunch of sissies. Well, our schools meant an awful lot to the neighborhood in those days.

(That's right.)

We had what we call literary. Oh, they'd come there. The school would be crowded and we'd have debates.

(Well.)

Spelling matches. Sunday school and preaching on Sunday.

(They had to use the school houses for the religious services, too.)

Yes, they did.

(They didn't have churches as we know them now.)

No, the big church building or school house it was, but it was pretty large. It was mainly, well, they had just the school there, and they had church.

#### BELLS IN CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS

(Did the old schools all have school bells in those early days?)