

Why don't you stay up there instead of coming around here, and do things like you doing. It's no good, I said. I can't go up there. I can't use step ladder go up there. It's a long ways. Four of them boys said, we'll hold you on, we'll fly with you. No, you all going to drop me, I said. No, we won't drop you. I said, I ain't ready to die yet. Well, wake up then. If you sleep like that you will die. And that next morning I wake up and couldn't sleep. The tray came, and they woke me up. Gertrude (Annie's alternate name) here's your tray. You better eat something. I never did eat all that time. Three days, no water....no meat. So through them needles, they feed me. I pull them out and put them up. I say, I don't want needles. I raised up there, and got that medicine down and put it on my bed. That was what they feeding me. I took it down, put it on the bed. Doctor sure laugh about it. He said, you're the awfulest patient we ever did.

(Was that at Lawton or University?)

University. I suppose to go back when they call me, I go. They called me right now, but I ain't going.

(did you doctor yourself any when you got home?)

Huh-uh. I never will see no doctor. Just once, he rushed me over there to the hospital, one night.

(Was that after the operation?)

My pressure, my pressure just jump over. I was sitting here, said we're going to eat. You all go in there and sit down. I'm going to get up. Fell down.

Raleigh picked me up. Freddie, something happened to her. They put me on the seat there. I don't know. Hey, come out of that trouble, come out of that trouble, they keep tricking(sic). Then they got cold water in the icebox, wash my head, come to. But boy...talk about...I was just like that, like lightening, going through me. I tried to catch that thing too. I said you better take me. I was so tight in here. The pressure was coming to my heart. I been tight, Freddie, better take me to the hospital. Go tonight, that paper. When I went in the hospital,