

(It was at one time.)

This prairie -- there's an old man used to live around here by the name of Harris, he said he'd seen a time when, he'd get up on this hill here and see a cow way over down Elm or Grove, way over on the other side.

(Well.)

When you get on the river or creek or what have you. No timber on that prairie. Bald meadow, grass,

(Boy, it's sure grown up in brush and timber now, hasn't it? Everywhere?)

I guess they all cleared it off. Get one of them bull dozers, clear it off.

(Well you wonder where all that brush came from. 'Course over a few years or several years it don't take a tree long to grow. 'Course those willows and persimmons, I guess some oak they're pretty easy to grow.)

The persimmon is really what grewed up around here and mostly old elms.

(Uh-huh.)

'Course there was timber, too, you know. Roots that grewed out there, they come up and you've got to dig them up. Right out there -- there's still a thicket of them. Hard to kill out -- they're hard to kill. 'Course they spray them, a lot of them now.

(Oh, yeah.)

Get them too.

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(They spray them too. Oh by the way was there ever a school at McLain?)

Uh-hum.

(There was?)

Yes sir, there sure was.

(What other schools were around this McLain area?)

Well, there was a school at Buckhorn and there was a school at Brewer Bend.