

Well, then one day outside, teacher overheard 'em what they was going to do to 'em. Couldn't whip those girls right away. Well, when they took up at noon, you know, they used to have those great big pot bellied stoves. Poker about as big around. Bigger than your thumb. About four or five feet long. This teacher just walked over there and got this poker. Walked up side right back of Dick and grabbed him by shoulders. and holding him and had this poker back there. Said, young man, what are you going to do to me? Damn, he couldn't move. We were sitting right in front of him. We was leaning forward about going to push that desk out. I was close in front of him. Boy, I got clean away from there. So, he made 'em leave. Boy, he made them mind, don't think he didn't. We heard Dick said, I thought you were going to hurt me--help me. How could I help you, I was trying to get away. Never did come back either.

EARLY SCHOOLS & SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

(By the way, where was that Couch school located?)

It's still over here.

(Is it still here?)

Yeah. It's still over there. Go to your first road south--after you turn south here. First road west and a mile west there.

It's still over in there.

(What were the other old schools in this part of Craig county?)

Well, Longview is down there.

(Longview.)

And on the east side--the big school was down there at Carlsway.

On the east side of it. I laughed til I cried. McCollough, she and another boy was passing notes and the teacher caught 'em.

Made 'em stand in the corner. Betty, she slammed her books down and went out. Started to run home. McCollough. Jimmy McCollough was this teacher's name. He caught her. He had to carry her back.