

come from there, "We could get you home faster." He says, "No, no, go on, I'll be home." He'll be walking along. About time these (not clear) folks get to that place, well, he'd be out there chopping wood. (Laughter) Yeah, that story, lot of, our district superintendent, you know, our church district superintendent, he lives in Phenix. He always liked to tell about that. He believes in it. He's a white man, you know. And now that's what he says, "I believe in that. I do too," he says, "I saw that old man back there, but I didn't see him over there, but I heard folks tell about it. They're not lying."

(They tell stories, you know, way back there, they could change themselves into different animals."

(We have that, you know, but I think they're true.)

STORY ABOUT A MAN WHO CHANGED HIMSELF TO A FLEA

Yeah, the Poncas were that, change themselves to dogs or deer.

(Course, you go tell this stories to just people, you know, they, but we always heard stories like that, you know.)

Some fly, you know, just like, just like (Ponca word). That means, that's a name, is all, animals talk to him or spoke to him one time, give him a power even the eagle, even a flea, even a lice in the head, you know, bugs, you call them, change themselves to those. Even the, even the mules, you know, and those birds, you know, water birds. Change themselves, go under water. Yeah, just flies way up just like an eagle. And his son, well, this (Ponca word) is a long story, you know. And just tell the main parts. His son was just like him, powerful, like his father. Instead of his father begin proud of him, he didn't like it. He got rebellious, rebelled against his son. And he told him, "I'm gonna give you four days." So, that boy's mother aided him, helped him to get away, try to stay from his father four