we'll have to all have competitive drills to see who march the best, and

the girl's who march the best gets ice cream and captain gets stockings

like I told you, you know. We'd stay there at nights. We had to stay there

all through the year at the school. Winter time, boy, we'd skate around

and everything--summertime we'd be barefooted in the grass, you know. When

spring first begins we all want to take our shoes all and they'll let us

and we'll take out shoes off and run barefooted in the grass. One time, I

shouldn't tell this but I'm going to tell it, you know, we wanted to learn

how to smoke, and we went to the trash pile and it was burning, you know,

and we got a bucket of fire and took it to the back campus. And it was

Alice Poco, Synthia Locke, Mabel Tokafer, and myself, and Roxy, she's

dead now. Five of us, we took a--and Marian and Garnet, --we sat down and

got cateloge you know, and we put this blood weed in this cateloge, we'd

light it and puff you know. We just learning to smoke. And one of us

dropped fire, on this grass and the others ones got this cateloge and start

to hit it, you know, just try to put it out and it wouldn't go out. It

just burn and I tell you that whole back campus burned, and we all got

scared and Alice and I ran to the ditch and we sat there and it was recess.

Everybody came from the school buildings. We had to carry buckets of water

you know to put it out, and finally there was a boy named Harry Tobi, he

was in the fire department, he was in the engineer room, we went down there

and told him the back campus was on fire. He ran out there and he tried

to put it out, and we all carried water and finally we got it out. They

whipped us and ask us how come we done it and we just told all kinds of lies

And how the fire burn out there and everything.

(What did you tell them?)

We didn't tell them we took it out there. We told them that papers blew

out there, and we just told all kinds of lies. And that next spring that

grass grew so green, oh, it was beautiful and that's when they learned to