

to get out of here." He said, "No. You can't get out of here. This place is quarantined." He said, "I tell you what to do. Take a chew of tobacco and you put it in your mouth and you hold it. You go up there in line. They'll scratch you, vaccinate you, then pass you on by. And have that tobacco in your mouth and keep it four or five minutes and it won't take." And it didn't take. It was a miracle. I was used to milking and I could milk good. And _____ and wife got down with smallpox. Had one or two little kids like that. Well, he wanted to know who could milk in the bunch. I told him I could milk. He said, "If you'll milk and tend to my cows, I'll feed you and give you board and room." Well, them kids played with me every night and after milkin', eat supper, in my lap and all over me. I never did get it. Maybe I was lucky.

(And they keep giving them to you until one takes and leaves a scar. They've got a lot of men in World War II or in the service or anytime. Boy, that, I guess, a lot of people died from smallpox. It was horrible.)

~~Yeah~~ A lot of them near Hugo down there. I don't remember much. It was before my time.

(I was just thinking how long they have had - vaccination is not new, is it?)

No. It's not new. They had it when I was a young man back in Alabama. 'bout twenty-seven miles from where I was at to Birmingham. Big camp, mining camp. Lots people there.

REMEMBERS HUNTING WILD TURKEYS - MADE OWN BULLETS

(If you remember open range and hogs like that, do you remember wild turkeys?)

Why sure. Killed lots of wild turkeys. I killed 'em with an old muzzle loaded gun. Put a cap on it and use own bullets. Yep. And old muzzle - mold own bullets and pile 'em down there in wagon. Put your cap on and in the hole and wait--

End of Side A

(Side B of this tape was inaudible and not transcribed.)