

and they could put a nice garden in the back. It's not a back-breakin' killin' job to make a little garden and you know what I mean, it pays off--it really pays off. And yet people won't do that and yet, they go to the store and pay. Well, back when my mother run a boardin' house, we paid a dollar a pound for green coffee not for roasted coffeee, but she sold it and sold a meal for 50¢. Costs those boys, you know a dolla and a half to eat. And some of the men that were eatin' there couldn' bought--sold us hundred times over. T.B. Slick pinched his penneys and went bare-footed--he was growin- up. I think he was 19 years old--first time I saw him. And he wore old blue, duckin' overall's and old blue shirts you know, and an old straw hat and he'd buy--he was smart, I mean he was a smart cookie. You'd look at him and you didn't think he was. And that Big Joe Minnasco, he was one of the biggest masons in this whole country. He helped with that big Mason home, you know, over there at Tulsa. He had a lot to do with it, you know, contributing money and things like that. And all those people made--but now then, I don't think that T.B. was a crook in the manner of , you know, like stealin' or anything like that. He was jest smart enough that, that he jest overlooked a lease and there wouldn't no law that said he had to buy it from those people you know. He'd he'd jest buy one, skip two and later on, he went back and bought the lease his self. Ever time he got enough money to buy a lease, he bought it. And Shaffer did the same thing and, Oh, I don't think of that other guys name. I use to play with--se, Shaffer lost his wife, and he hadn't been married--jest a little bit--he was real young and he lost his wife, and he hadn't in 1918 flue and that's when the people they really died. And my mama worked day and night in there and my oldest sister--takin' care of the pepple. And jest my sister, about six years old and I'd had to stay home and take care of all those kids.

EPIDEMIC OUTBREAKS:

(IRRELEVANT CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN:)

Ah, they had this 1914, see, and I'd say it run from 'bout 1914 to 1915. Then again in 1918 they had this had this flu and it hit hard and then on top of the flu came the smallpox and I was lucky and my younger sister was--kids was in the picture. We were real lucky, we had very few smallpox. But, my brother and my cousins were