

putting your boards on outside - you know, like building a house or something, you put your boards on the inside their casing. Then you - sometimes it is dirt that really shifts quite a bit, you know, or if you get to running into this quick sand down inside, well you have to brace that stuff because, see, your weight is pushing against those boards and can push 'em out. You get some timbers in there and brace it.

(Judy: This one you helped your dad build - how big around was it?)

Oh, 'bout that big. Wide 'cross that way and 'bout that long. Real funny thing we building that -

(About three by four?)

I don't know. 'bout like that around and 'bout so long. He had to have room enough to work. He figured, with a shovel, you know.

(It was big enough for him to stand in while he was working?)

Yes. You have to have room enough. And later on he quit the long handle shovel and took a short handle shovel which is very sharp and then he got a sharp snooter. You know what a sharp shooter spade is?

(Yes.)

Well, it is straight on one side and got no crook in it at all. And that is used to cut the sides and you work up and down like that. You dont scoop dirt with it. You scoop dirt with buckets and put it on pulley and pull it out. Oh, Boy. What was so funny 'bout that - we did get some water. But it was pretty much surface water. I guess it was thirty five or forty feet. But the funny thing 'bout it, while we were digging that - well there was a big water main come right out. We lived right on the right of way of this big gas main was going out of Texas into Chicago. I don't know where this water main used to bring water into Ranger, Texas. See. And this got a leak. And now come got a leak, some body