

his body. He said he didn't know how far that mule jerked him. Oh gosh, he said if that thing would have bit me, he said I would have died before I got to the house. Then George said Jim Clay was way back in those mountains in a wagon with a little span of mules, awful hot that evening and there was a tree had lodged on the stump, big old tree like something like that and there was a big rattlesnake said it looked like the coil was big as a washtub. That snake was under there. And he was mad and he was singing and those mules, course they scented that snake and he couldn't hardly hold them. But he just didn't have anything to kill him with and he just drove on and left him. And between our house and Uncle Ace Wolfe's house up there, every spring and fall we'd see where a big snake would cross the road. Go south in the summer time and north in the winter. I guess to his den. Sam Meanis was going up to Stilwell in a buggy and he ran on to that snake, an old crooked rail fence and he was trying to get through the crack in the fence. Shoot, he just drove around him, wasn't very far up to Lacy's house. Well, I'd gone up there and try to get me and gun and kill him. But he got in that wheat field, I guess, and went on south. Boy, he said it was a monster too. Uncle Ace Wolf said, he was telling mother, they were talking one day, and he was telling her about him and his brother John and somebody else was working a hillside. One of them was on top, they was looking for deer and it was rough and well about the middle, this man, John was on top and this other man was working the center and Uncle Ace at the bottom. It was pretty bluffy along there so he comes to a bluff, you know, and he just put his hands like that and he jump down and jumped down on a rattlesnake. It was long, a little bit warm and they heard him holler, Uncle Ace said but the time they got to him that man was dead. They said they shot they don't know