

plow right on through^L with the tractor.

(Well, you were talking about the burial what Indian customs showed in this?)

Well, the fullbloods, they would still bury a green stick with them and some of their possessions. Some of their more permanent possessions. I never did--they were tellin' bout some burials over by Barber which was east of Standing Rock. But they would put a green stick as a symbol of life and bury some of his possessions with him. But I remember the green stick particularly.

(What about the hill people did they do anything like that?)

Not many of the hill folks. I can remember the first Cherokee Indian I buried that was soon after Washington's Birthday in '38. The river had been up it had rained for two weeks. And I hadn't been to his house, while he was bothered with what he called asthma, but I think it was nothing else but tuberculosis. Cause of under nourishment and all these conditions. I'd been over to see him so I remember this yet cause the river had gone down a little bit. It was still quite high and there was still 2 inches of mud on that bottom. It was 12 miles around to his house by road. But it was a mile and $\frac{1}{2}$ through woods. And I would row my boat across the river well, the river was still up and I remember one couple from my whole congregation that come down there and was spending their honeymoon at our place and I said, "I haven't been over to see Dick Pettit." See, the French influence, with the name Pettit. P e t t i t. From the old Chouteau fur traders, anyhow I went over, we rode across the river and I had one of the most of 'em had these flat bottomed scouls kinda of a long river boat but I had a pointed one, boat a factory made one, and I keep the nose