

Oh, yeah. They squeal. They were bad after young pigs and lambs.

COULD KILL BIRDS, SQUIRRELS AND RABBITS WITH ROCKS OR BOW AND ARROW

(You said you killed rabbits and birds with rocks?)

Oh yeah. Rabbits and even squirrels. I've killed squirrels with rocks too.

We just use rocks and bows and arrows. Killed a lot of birds, rabbits and things. We--Dad bought us a little 22 at Westville, Oklahoma. 'Course

that was somethin' great for us, you know. We'd take that 22 and kill rabbits, squirrels. But George got awful good. He could kill a squirrel and it jumpin' in the air. He was plenty good with that 22.

(Tell me about the blow gun. I've never seen one of those. How you made it and how you made the arrows for 'em.)

We had blow guns and we'd gather thistle in the woods and use that thistle stuff, you know, to put on our arrows and wind it on our arrows and blow those arrows through the blow guns. We could kill little birds with blow guns, but not any big ones. Most of the birds was killed with bait traps, or dead-fall--use dead-fall. See. The dead-fall like this, like this

boards, you know. Put stuff like that and tie long string to this stick. When bird got under there, jerk that stick out and down come the board on

bird. We killed a lot of them like that. I know the first time George ever had experience killing birds with dead-fall. He had a door--a big old--well it was used for a door, I don't know, chicken house or somethin' or other and he set that thing out, and bird got under it. Down it went and I guess it mashed that bird all to pieces. He run and jumped on top of it with his feet. He wanted to be sure that bird was dead and it was.

It just mashed it flat. (Laughter)

MOTHER PREPARED LOCUSTS FOR EATING

(I've heard about folks hunting for locusts in the early summer. That's something I don't know anything about. Tell me about the locusts.)