

nothing about that picture. I want to tell you. This picture was taken right near my home in Canadian County in 1894, but you don't see that tree no more. Why? Because the next year--1895-- a tornado came along there and dug that tree up and three branches that big all around--over 50 yards." She looked at it and said, "Yes, you're right."

(Did the Indians do anything for protection from storms?)

It's known and in history that a tornado never had blown a tipi down. No. Oh, it could tear the cloth and all that around the yard, but it never blew a tipi down. I guess because it was pyramid-shaped, you know. I know we lived in some pretty severe storms in a tipi and it never bothered us.

(Interruption)

BIRDS IN THE AREA

(There's a bunch of black birds.)

Yeah. There's a lot of birds that nest around these trees.

(Did ducks and geese ever come down through here?)

Oh, yeah. Down here and up in there and then back in there.

There was little ponds there.

(Just certain times of the year--?)

Yeah, along about the last part of March they fly north. And in the fall, the first of the fall, the birds always takes out in September, going south. Then the geese will come south.

(Did you all ever hunt ducks or geese?)

Yeah, all the time?)

(Are they hard to get?)

Well, we usually get them when they have nest. They won't fly out till you get close to them. We always find their nest. I