

so, they'd take and build them a little, what they called a trigger. And they'd put a piece of bread or an ear of corn and put it on that stick back in under. Well the bird'd go in under that and they'd peck on that bread and whatever it was. Well, that would throw this trap and it'd catch what bird there was on the under side. So, they had to learn how to--they had, they were smarter than the bird, they put a little board up at the top, put some sticks, so they could run their hands down through that trap and catch these birds. That's the way they caught their birds. And you could fix what they called a deadpole, and put a stick under there and the bird would catch himself. They would build what they call rabbit guns. Take a hollow log and fasten one end of it up and build a little hole, so when the rabbits went in there, why, they couldn't get out. . . and so they. Well, in them days why, you had to learn how to do things. You could take a piece of metal and you could take and bore you a hole in a log and drive in some horseshoe nails in the.. drive them sloping, put you a minner (minnow) or something down in there. . . well the coon would reach down in there to reach that minner (minnows) and he could reach his foot in there alright. But he didn't release himself because he was hung and couldn't get out so people had to build them kind of things in order to eat. They'd make a living at that. They could take, if they didn't have a brace and bit, why I can remember when there weren't no sharp nails. The old nails they used was square. They had a square head on 'em and a square point. And you could take and nail them. . . you could learn to drive them nails. And them's was the first nails that was made, them old square nails. . . and they had a square head on them and a square point, so you could go and, well there was somebody that was smart enough to make those nails. So you could take and build you a barn.