

WHAT IS TICK FEVER?

(Have you ever heard of anybody havin' tick fever?)

Yes, ma'am. That'll kill you. Let me see. Somebody died around here.

Man: I've heard plenty of 'em. But I knowed if they have it.

Who?

Mrs. Shoals: Killed Ed Washington. Tick bite. My mother said killed her mother too.

Ned said that that little boy up there at Baldwin. No, it wudn't. Out there at Timber Hill wudn't it. They said, that's what killed him over there. Tick. Tick bit him. But if he had went right on to the doctor then. With that poison you know pulled out of him, it might not of killed him. Well, I guess it just let it take. Took a hold on him and it killed him. Sometimes they can prevent these deaths but if they let it go too long. There ain't nothin' to worry about, that's all.

Mrs. Shoals: Anyway he might have broke its head off. You can. . . . No, that poison went on in anyhow. Done broke its head off. And then they can't bite you thata way. That poison gonna go on down in you anyway. You can take the head out if you want. That's done gone on in you.

SNAKE BITE AND DIFFERENT KINDS OF SNAKES

(You know anybody that died of snake bite?)

No.

Mrs. Shoals: I haven't heard of anyone dyin' of snake bite.

No, but there was somebody that dies of rattlesnake. Diamond rattlesnakes they'll kill you right now. There's a fellow lived right down here, diamond rattlesnake dig in. But just as soon as he did, the man take his knife. And took that stuff out of it. And packed it on that place. And he got all right

Mrs. Shoals: Your sister got snakebit but I don't . . .