

one by six, so many one by four and stuff and all that. "Well, he says, your uncle wrote that up didn't he? I said no, no, I don't believe he'd work it--he's a preacher. (Laughter) Any anyhow, he laughed and he said, well, I believe he did. Anyhow, I'll go and check it. So he did. Two or three days I was there and he said, "Pete, you didn't figure that out yourself, did you? I said, I did. Why did I go to school for if I couldn't remember anything? I was expert on that figurin. You couldn't get around me a tall. Well, when he got through, he said, "I'll tell you what you do; you come back next day after and I've got some clothes, suit, decent clothes, you haven't got no clothes, rags, you, I'll, you pick out a suit and shirt, pants suit, shoes, of course, 'bout all all about the same in them times. And I want you to go to work for me in this store here." And I said "well, alright." And I got back, of course I was beginning to wind up my school career because I had been studying 'bout how to go to someplace, somewhere to go, but I couldn't. They didn't give any scholarships then at that time. Well, very little, and it was, just about like him--he had it down all the time that I didn't know nothin' and I guess I didn't, but anyway, I went to work for him, and I worked for him seven years, in the store. Finally, the next year, we took inventory, we used to do that every year; sell out as much as we can and then take inventory of everything that's in the store. And we had taken inventory and we had \$9000 left, I think, of stuff in there.

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And he said, "I want to see you, Sunday, you don't have to go to church, I don't guess." I said, "Yes, I go to Sunday school." "Well, anyhow, you come on anyway, think of something." Well, I didn't know what he was after. Figured he thought I'd been stealing from him or something, but anyhow, I went back on Sunday and he says, "What I want to do is-- I want to let you have this store. You know what I've got, we took