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(Well it was interesting to study that. I have studied some and I learned most of the Cherokee alphabet. And I can read a little bit, not much. But I like to study it though. It is interesting. There's all kinds of things along the creek and in the woods that you can eat. And Indians--)

Well, there used to be an old man that lived out there by us, he was a white man. He said they's about two different kinds of poison in the weeds and he said all other kind are good to eat.

(Nearly all the grass can be eaten.)

Yes it can. Well I guess if the cows can eat it--

(Yes, people could too.) (Laughter)

My father said that someone told him when he had the tooth-ache, just go out in the woods and try to find an old bone of a horse's head, and pick it up with your teeth and walk so many steps and then throw it backwards. And he tried that one time and he said his whole head was hurtin' so bad, he'd carried that old bone home. (laughter)

(And they also told me that if you got tooth-ache, use two roots from black locusts, and it will quit hurtin'.)

SHE IS PRETTY GOOD WITH A RIFLE - NEEDS ONE IN THE WOODS

I didn 't know that, but there's just lots of things I don't know. Lot of things about old times that I don't know. Now, Isaac Turner, I used to know him when he was a little boy. And squirrels was their pets, they didn't eat 'em, they didn't kill 'em. Well, I've got a few squirrels around here the dogs treed, but I never bother 'em. I've got a gun too, but I don't know what I'm gonna do with my gun when they pass that law. I can't pay taxes on it. (much static--not clear)--I brought it up here just to kill snakes with. I used to try to keep chickens, but these old big black snakes would come and eat up the eggs. I killed two big ones out here one day. I used to be a