

enjoy anything.

(They don't seem to be interested in those things anymore.)

Ben: No the school houses they quit, you know. They used to have a Christmas tree down here every year. But they don't now.

(Yeah.)

Ben: They cut that school out four or five years ago. Cut this Zena school out. I think they're going to have one. Try to have one up there. Try to have one this time.

(Well let's see, other than Zena, what other school did they have in the early days around here?)

Ben: Well there used to be a school house at Big Bend down there. They have one now on Downing Creek, what they call Buzzard's Bend. They had a little old school house down there for these children. Just around first one place and another. They have a place to teach.

(Yeah.)

Ben: They had a school down here, they ran all the time.

(Did this school down here have a name too? What did they call it?)

Ben: They called it Oak Grove.

(Oak Grove.)

Ben: It used to be an old church house--rotted down in the hollow. It was an old house there. Held the school meeting in--till they built that one up there. Had it there. Called it Oak Grove.

(Well they just about done away with all country schools. Now haven't they?)

Ben: Yeah now took them all out.

(It's almost a thing of the past.)

Ben: I remember the days when I'd get started going, and have to quit then and work a week or two.

(Yeah.)

Ben: Finally-I just got so big I just quit and didn't go.