

black sticky mud off. And had to sit down and take a knife and take it off of their shoes.

(Well.)

(Son: Now let me tell one now. Happened in Texas where I grew up.

IT WAS DIFFICULT TO RAISE CHICKENS IN EARLY DAYS - COYOTES A PROBLEM

(Well, did people have poultry now in those days?)

Yes mother had chickens. But she didn't have chicken house. And they roosted in there. And mother just kept--had enough hens for the family. Didn't bother to have any to sell, like we did while we was living in Stilwell. While they was down there where we lived, they had a big barn, and big lot and we got lots of eggs. I used to climb all over that barn loft hunting for eggs. She had quite a bunch of chickens, but here because of the coyotes she couldn't raise many.

(Well.)

They told me those coyotes in that tall grass, they come right up close to you. Daddy come in from plowing one time--

(They catch every chicken they can get hold of.)

Yes. Daddy came in from breaking out some ground up there. And he said he wished he'd had a gun out there. Daddy said there's two old coyotes out there that every time he come around to a certain place, why there'd be one or the other running around.

(Son: Oh, this was recent. Fifteen years ago I had a long barrel pistol I borrowed from a neighbor over here. I need it to shoot the coyotes when they come around here. Now that was as late as fifteen years ago.)
Oh, they've thinned them down.

(Well I guess there's always been coyotes out here on the prairie.)

Yes there was.

(Son: And wolves too, twelve or fourteen years ago. I used to kill 'em