

lot of it before my time too.)

It's been funny, hasn't it?

(It certainly has.)

A friend of mine, older than I am saw Skiatook grow here.

(Yeah, you've seen it grow, too.)

Seen the paved streets. Seen the railroad go through. Here come the telephone; we had one of the first telephones ever put here.

(Well.)

And we lived four miles out in the country. It run up the railroad fence on barbed wire. When it come to ~~that~~ gate it would go up over the gate and down that--it wasn't the best service in the world, but it was--useful to us.

(It sufficed for the time anyway.)

We had one of these Dutch friends put in the telephone system. He took it down there to Tahlequah.

(Well, back in your early days was this just all prairie country and like it is now and wooded?)

That prairie's always been there I suppose.

(Well.)

Now most of these pecan groves here were planted.

(Yes.)

That's one crop that the poor people can get in on.

(That's right.)

Cause they're the ones that do most of the picking.

(They're the ones--that's right.)

Course now they've got so commercial that they have pecan pickers, ~~peean~~ shakers, you know. Fellow right here at the edge of town got this big