

We had about seventeen. I worked on it some way or another. First started in a making stakes for the surveyor.

(Yeah)

And he asked me, another one of the boys. Name was Bud Ward.

(Uh-huh)

Some of them called him Buck Yode.

(Yeah)

But he was my brother's boy. We went to working. We both long legged. Bud said, "I'm going to try you boys out today." Said you make three dollars and ninety cents a piece.

(Uh-huh)

Well gosh. That was sure money then. You know.

(Yeah lots of money.)

Well he took us up there. And we were talking. (Not clear.) We got some (not clear) that was hard to hold. Everything there was (not clear). When they come to that. We never said a word.

(Yeah)

Put that chain and worked right through there. Right up here. (Laughter)

(Well)

(Not clear) going and coming on (not clear).

(Yeah)

(Not clear) up there at (not clear), And we run one freight train. And another short train with a passenger coach on it. And they finally took that coach off.

(Yeah)

And you could go down and buy you a ticket, and ride in the caboose. You know.