

that Shon-no-gay (?). And it's his turn to get up and talk. And he says the same thing every time. Says, "I'm sure glad I'm here and that I'm well and I come here to help." And he's sorry about this man, woman who died and that's about all he has to say. But them other guys give long speeches. Then they leave in lightning and thunder. They say if it lightnings and it thunders when you're laying a corpse, the old folks they control this lightning and thunder. And they come after it--the soul. And they take them in that storm. That's the way they believe. And then they--after a body dies why they say they get hungry so they build a fire and they put food in there. They take just a little bit. A little spoonful of something, a little spoonful of everything that's on the table including wine all that kind and tobacco. If there ain't no tobacco then they put a cigarette in there. And that stuff is kind of soupy after they get it all mixed up. And they put it in that fire and that stuff burns. I can't figure it out. You can come back the next morning it ain't nothing but ashes. There's no trace of that that you burnt. And you think it would put the fire out. But it don't I'm going to do that for Jenny. She sure believes in that.

(Your mother did that for Scott.)

LIFE IN MOTHER'S FAMILY

She did? Mom was a peculiar woman. There was a lot of things she didn't tell us. And someone said "Well we're related to you." We go home and ask father. "Oh, yeah, yeah, your're related." But she wouldn't tell us how or nothing. And there's lots of things we didn't know till after we got up and went away from home and got to talking to people and found out. And she was little bit--she never mentioned her father. Her father was a very industrious man. Boy, he had cattle, well livestock. And he was a wheat farmer. And he contracted fence building. And he was a busy man. But he drank. When he got drunk he was a wild man. He killed a man. Killed his best friend. I