

BS: A typical day for me at home, on a school day, would be to get up at the break of dawn, go bring the cows in, go to the pasture, get the cows, milk the cows, and then come back and go to school and get to school on time. I was thinking about this really since I've been retired, as to how we used to do that, and how we could do it. Because no one had a watch. Nobody knew what time it was or anything like that. Like I said, go milk the cows, get the milk in the cans, and on the road, and then go to school. And never late for school. All of that without a watch. I was just wondering how we did it, and it was amazing. And not only that, going to school in the winter time. By the way, I forgot to mention, I had to walk three miles to school. And during also that time, of course this was in the 1930's, there was segregation going on between the races, and I also used to think about this. I had to pass by the white schools to get to my school. So, that was one thing. And going to school, once you get to school, if it were in the winter time, you didn't stop, you had to make a fire. So the first person who got to school, we didn't even question it, it was just like

BS: automatic, we didn't even think about it. We made a fire so the school would be warm when the other kids and teachers got there. There were only three teachers to teach 8 grades. So you can imagine the time that the teachers had trying to teach at least three grades apiece. But they did a pretty good job. I remember one time, of course, being at school, I didn't realize it then but that was really the best time of my life. And I remember one incident that happened at school. We also had to carry the water; bring the water from the spring to school to be utilized for drinking or whatever. And we all had to have our drinking utensils. So if you wanted a drink of water, you'd go find the bucket and take your cup or whatever you had and pour yourself a cup of water. So that worked pretty good. But if you didn't bring you a cup or a drinking utensil, you could always your friends' and use theirs.

BS: I remember one time we were going to get the water, the guys, the boys had to bring the water in, and we had to go down to where the spring was and get the water. But right adjacent to where the spring was, was the Elk River. So, we used to go for a swim when we went to get the water. And as anything, when you start doing something, even if it's wrong, and you get accustomed to doing it, you think that you're not going to get caught. So one time we get the water, went to get the water, and as usual we were going to go for our little swim. But this time we was swim, we swam too long and the teacher figured out that something was going wrong. Those guys had been gone too long to get that water. So she sent somebody down to find out what was going on, and when they got there, they found out that we were swimming, so what they did, they put us in a trick. They got the water and took it back to school and proved to the teachers that we weren't around the water and got us in trouble. Because when we come out from swimming the water was gone and we had to come back, so needless to say, that we got a heck of a whipping when we got back.