

E: He give me that farm. So my sister, one of them, he gave her a farm up here from O'brien that he got...

P: Uh huh.

E: ...'cause granddaddy had a lot of them and so we was down there farming. Ruby was teaching school, \$65 a month, eight months during the year. (laughter)

P: So you were teaching school right here.

E: Drawing about four hundred and something dollars a year.

R: Yes.

E: Anyway, I was farming down there. We had chickens. I had meat in the smokehouse, what they call the house, the smoke house.

P: What was that like?

E: I had meat, I had syrup, I had potatoes, I had greens, I had anything in the world you wanted to eat, plenty to eat. Well, she was taking a course, she was going to school...

R: Correspondance.

E: ...teaching here and taking....

R: Correspondance course.

E: A course of the University of Florida. She worked on the, and one morning she asked me before she started to school says, Earl, she said, How about mailing this letter for me today? I said, You got three cents? She said, No. I think it was three cents then, a letter was. She said, No, haven't you got three cents? I said, No. So we didn't have three pennies to our name and we didn't have no money in the bank to right a check to either. We just didn't have three cents. Now, we was that broke. Didn't have no money. After I mailed the letter, she says, Okay. And so she went on to school. I went on to the field and plowed. Eleven o'clock I came here and went around to the hen nest, got eggs. While the mules was eating their food, I ate a snack, grabbed a dozen eggs, walked a mile-and-a-half down to Hildreth, sold the eggs for ten cents...

R: _____

E: ...bought a stamp, and the rest of it in candy, I reckon. I don't know what I done with all the rest of that money. But I sold that dozen eggs. I reckon it was twelve cents, I imagine, 'cause they was about a penny apiece, and mailed that letter. That's how broke we were.