

- P: Did you ever see any of the steam boats?
- C: Not really. They never come up this far.
- P: Never came up this far?
- C: No. It was too shallow.
- P: I heard that one came up here one time.
- C: When the river went up, I reckon, it might've come up. I didn't see that.
- P: Right. So were your family, were they farmers?
- C: No, my people were merchants, dry-goods business. He's, my daddy came over here to work with, help sawmill, dig sawmill out here. He was a sawyer. And after the sawmill went broke, well, he went into business for himself.
- P: Well, what did White Springs look like back say when you were six to ten years old?
- C: Oh, there was about twice as many houses as there is here now. They, we had a moving picture show, we had pool rooms and we had a weekly newspaper, we had all kind of amusements, things on, we called the spring road, you could walk down those springs, like to throw a ball up the side and somebody'd drop in a tub of water, you know, to get the ball. It was quite nicer and such. It had, I think, seven hotels.
- P: Seven hotels. And they all did good business except....
- C: Oh, yeah, in the summer time, they're full.
- P: In the summertime, they're full? Why did people come to White Springs so much then?
- C: Health was all. Sulphur water. They claimed it would purify the kidneys and make them young again.
- P: Did people believe that?
- C: It helped a lot of people. They needed ~~cleaning~~ out, I reckon. Doctor could have given them the medicine, it's done the same thing. They'd go down and sit and drink that spring sulphur water faithfully, you know.
- P: So they'd drink the water.
- C: Oh, yeah. And bathe in it too. Hot, they'd give hot, they'd give hot baths, too, you know.
- P: So what did the people wear when they went swimming?
- C: Well, when I was first, remember going to the spring, they just went swimming for two hours. They were their long pants down here and their stockings on, and sleeves.