

counties in the state of Florida, and a lot of other states in the Union, where TV has probably played a big part in educating them.

P: I agree.

W: I think the educational channel is the best thing that has ever happened. If they put it back on commercial TV, like they are trying to do, then it is going [to be wasted]. There is nothing to look at on commercial TV anymore. It is like everything else. If you really want to see TV, you can do one of the two things. You can turn it on to a commercial station, or you can go to a black community on a Saturday night and see TV as it is, because that is all you see. I do not mean that this is good or bad, either, but they are filming the way black people act, and they are even adding to them. If I was a black person, I would raise hell about that, because it is not doing them any good. They are getting their color exposed, but it is not doing them any good. [It is only making] them look like fools and idiots. So except for educational TV, like channel five [WUFT, Gainesville] and seven [WJCT, Jacksonville] we get here, that is all we get.

P: Have you heard other stories or legends about the Suwannee River or about this area? About ghosts stories or charms? Do you know any charms, like how to make someone love you or something like that?

W: Or dislove you or break their arm or something like that?  
No. I do not believe in ghosts.

P: I know, but have you heard any haunt stories, even if you did not believe in them?

W: No. We scared some people real bad one night.

P: How did you do that?

W: This was when there were very few people living in the area. There were some ladies who lived here whose husbands were in the service. This was when they started inducting people in the service back in the 1940s. They lived by themselves, and two of my brothers and I went up [to their houses] and eased their door open one night about midnight. We had carried some huge rocks up to the door, and we started rolling those huge rocks around and throwing some smaller ones in the house. Well, the only way they could get out was the back door. I do not know if you know what a red top sandspur is or not, but it grows about this high and has a string of spurs on it about three inches on top. If you look out across them, there are just sandspurs everywhere. It is not the little flat sandspurs.

P: Yes. The tall ones.