

there and that alligator come out of there. Well, it was just burning his eyes up. He come up right between his legs a flopping and a flapping and knocked him down and every time he got up the alligator would run over him. He thought the alligator was trying to catch him. The alligator could not see; he was trying to get away. Oh, gee he got mad.

P: Was he on a tussock when he was doing that?

R: Yes, in a cave. They would work up this mud, they would go in these caves right at the east tussock and they go back in them cave and they come and lay their eggs on these tussocks. They would build a great high mound on this tussock and that is where they would lay their eggs. I went up there with Bill Herring and Mac and we saw a lot of alligators; I did but they would always be laying right up at the pond. They would drain the pond where they could cut the cross tide timber out of it. And gee there was a lot of alligators in there. I had seen several; you would see him and he would just draw his head back and go right back down in the cave. So this one particular hole was about as big as that patio over there and there where just turtles, and catfish all over the place. Them catfish were sick working their heads like that. Gee, there is a lot of them in there and they look like a log laying there. I took a few more steps and when I did, he flounced and he knocked catfish and turtles. It was a big alligator and he just slapped them every which way. So these boys were over there and they had put this can of lye in this cave and they did not have any success; they did not run him out at all. So they went on to another cave, put the lye