

they come out of the Okefenokee Swamp or did they come out of them cypress ponds that was trapped back. Like you say, that is the way them pikes would be. They said pike would leave for seven years and then they would show up. Well, that was pretty well true here for this old mill pond down here. When it would get high, you could just catch pike just as fast as you could snatch them out--anywhere up and down the creek and you did not have to have bait. You could just take a piece of good strong white cloth about as big as your little finger and hook in the ends of it and he would catch it in his teeth. He has got teeth just like the jack fish and you snatch him out; you had to be quick. You would snatch him out and you would not have to take him off the hook.

P: That is great.

R: When I was fishing below the fall down here on the creek I caught several pike. And one cut my hook off and I did not carry no hooks with me. I said, "Well, gee whiz, that water hole is full of fish." The hole was not about as big as that patio, a little bigger, but the creek was running right through it and they come back for that fall and they could not get over. So I come back to the house and got me another hook. Got me a box of hooks and went back. So when I got back there on that sand there where I left my--I just left my fish laying there. When I got back there, there was pike about that long laying there and I looked at him and I said, "Gee whiz!" I said, "Snakes had a hold of that fish, decided to swallow him." The scale looked like it was about wallowed off of him, you know, and he looked all white looking and funny. So when I started to