

MRS. EUNICE SMELCER, Emerts Cove, Sevier County, Tennessee / Disc ??

I: Uh, could you tell us your name, please?

My name is Eunice Smelcer, and, and Willie Stinnett is my grandfather, and I'm very glad to say it.

I: xx

Yes sir.

I: Do you have children, Mizziz Smelcer?

Yes, I have two, a boy and a girl.

I: How did you amuse yourself when you were a girl, Mizziz Smelcer?

Well, when, till I was twelve years old, I went to school, but I didn't like it.

I: You didn't like school?

No, I never did like school, I wanted to, I wanted to be part-Indian and go a-hunting, I liked to squirrel hunt.

I: Would you tell us a little bit about a squirrel hunt?

Yeah, anything you want to know.

I: Would you go with boys or would you go ...

No, I go myself.

I: You went just by yourself?

Uh huh.

I: Did you take a dog along?

No, I want a gun.

I: Uh, you would kill them then?

Yeah, I reckon you can call it that, I, I, I killed six one day.

I: Six squirrels one day?

Uh-huh.

I: What was the weather like that day?

Well, it was pretty and sunny and quiet.

Pretty and sunny, what do you think is the best weather for squirrel hunting?

Anything you want for me, I have good luck anytime.

I: You have good luck anytime?

Uh-huh.

I: Some of them say that the best weather to squirrel in is uh, a kind of foggy day.

Well, I just have as good luck at one time as I do another, and I take my kids with me and, and I have as much fun with them as I do if I was by myself.

I: Do you use uh long-range bullets?

No, I use a double-barreled shotgun.

I: A double-barrel shotgun?

Yeah, uh huh.

I: Do you do any possum hunting?

Yeah.

I: Coon hunting?

Uh-huh.

I: Tell us a little bit about possum hunting xx and when you do it.

Well, you do it when, after it goes to frosting, when the, when the fur gets ripe, then is when you want to catch them for the market, unless you want to eat them and we don't like to eat them.

I: You don't eat them?

Huh-uh.

I: Well, what does possum meat taste like?

Well, it tastes like something I never tasted before.

I: Did you ever eat any bear meat?

Yes.

I: Uh how do you like bear meat?

I like it.

I: What does it taste like?

Well, it tastes similar to hog meat.

I: Similar to hog meat.