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Clip F Jerry Spencer

Transcript

Jerry Spencer: People always talking about the old syrup mill there in Evergreen. We had in my class, we had the town kids that lived in Evergreen and all the country kids out of Evergreen. The town kids used to, in wintertime, when they were runnin' in the cane, would go down the syrup mill there and get a gallon bucket, put a cheesecloth over it, and stick it under the big old roll there and catch that juice. Was too lazy to peel the cane, you know.

So, I think I remember one night about 8 o'clock my dad says, "Where have you been?"

I said, "Well, four or five of us went down to the Mill and get that cane juice in a gallon bucket and pass it around."

And he says, "You never realize what goes up on that conveyor to that crusher? Well, you got snakes. You got rats, mice, frogs. Everything goes through that crusher."

So, the next story ended with cane sticks.

Well, talking about Ford Robert's store. I don't guess anyone here remembers the Cox family, maybe Stebo does. ... Marty Cox and Elba Cox. Anyways, one of girls, the Cox girl married this ol' boy from the Navy and after World War II, he got out of the Navy, and they had a little radio shop there next to Ford Roberts' store. And they used to have all these old men, they get out there and sit on a bench and Coke cases and everything, talk politics and stuff. So, this guy, he has a big bench there about 8 feet long and one day he said, "I think I'm gonna fix those old men up. Give 'em some talk about."

So, he was an ol' radio operator and he knew about, you know, electricity and stuff. He got real fine copper wire and stretched it down that bench. And he had control inside the radio shop. Those old men would get out there and they be talking and they sit on that bench and all of a sudden, "Something's biting me!" He just had that real estate on that electric current just barely tingling, you know. Look, them fellows ... [unintelligible], but he had a time with them old fellows. But there was a lot of politics going on after at Ford Roberts' store.

And I was going to say something about... Stebo was talking about Bill Marga and his brother, Pete, which Pete's name was Ralph. Ralph was the only graduate of '49 and I think that year they had a parish-wide graduation. He was originally in our class of '48 but then he got in '49.

So that's just some of the highlights here in Evergreen, but we all had a good time. And only time we saw the kids in the country was when school was in, we'd visit with our friends from the country. But on weekends they were back on farms and we just had the town clowns.

I enjoyed everybody here I haven't seen in a long time. Lot of you I didn't know. Didn't recognize. Got around to meeting you and find your names. I've really enjoyed it.

Ed Dugas: Thank you, Jerry.