

J: We had a calf. Russ got a calf from Marvin Bushey for the boys. Cause they wanted one.... And young Russ had pigs, an old sow that had little ones, and they had birds, like quails.

N: You used them for food? No? So, what did you do with the meat?

I don't remember. Lot of kids were that way, wouldn't eat what they raised..... Bruth was the first one I worked elections with... Long time ago.... I remember the trailer court over on the old Steese. Remember, we had elections there..... We were at a lot of different places.

B: Where else? Oh, the old Sunday school. We had elections there some years.

N: What Sunday school?

B: Up on the old Hot Springs Rd. when you first came off the highway. Surplus building.

J: My kids went to Sunday school there.

B: Did you know that Maranatha had a kindergarten at one time?...

J: Well, what was the name of the Children's Home on Chena Hot Springs?

B: That was Pentacostal.

J: But her kids went to Maranatha?

She said they were real nice people up there and they ran this because they couldn't take the kids to school, probably because you had to provide transportation one way....

J: Becky went to kindergarten, that's the only one of mine, but I don't know if it helped any....

B: Seems to me you were one of the pinochle playing group at one time.

J: No, I wasn't. Russ was. I hate pinochle. I hated all those cards.... We used to play with Pat and Henry. We played Five Hundred all the time. They'd come over here, we'd go over there. We really enjoyed that..... In this book (Bert Stimple's Fun on the Farm in Alaska), you'll read about Ruth Zozula and working up at Bert's....

N: Do you have any other books written about this part of the country?

J: Don't think so....

N: Were there any people out here who were artists?

J: Ruth Zozula was. She painted that sheep over there.....

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I agree to share this information with fellow interviewees and others interested in local history.	
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