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Break between Side A and B

40 min

Interview of an unidentified person (lady) (and man)  
The troubles encountered on a cattledrive - the water shortage and hardship with 300 cows and one horse - water in Cimmaron River - traveling was difficult - Next tells of <sup>wild</sup> grapes plentiful, making of wine (includes recipe) - The rise of bootleggers - an attempt to make whiskey in cave - Tells of raid on bootleggers - How well the stills were hidden - Sugar was sold fast in bootlegging country - also tells about stage Route - also tells about their plum bush and made Xmas tree out of it - Tells about tornado and its devastation, so close to home, happened so quick and fast - looked like an elephant going down + up into clouds - also tells of an old barber told - Tells about Bill Horn's adventure / horse - and how he got his whiskey - Bill was an old bachelor + so dirty + how to clean him up - Next tells about Halloween tricks - Tells about Skivaree in early days - Relates about Indians (story he heard from older man) - how a cowboy was killed by Indians - Tells about "Flower Pot mound" - still can see it - formerly a lookout point and a landmark used - Pawnee Rock was also a lookout point -

Side B  
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4 min

Talks about his uncle built the first house in Dodge City - Tells about the men he batched with - none were educated and about the quarrels + differences the men had.

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Side B conts

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Break between side A and B  
This man <sup>and woman</sup> continues to talk about the men he lived with and their ignorance, and about the food they had and their work. He also tells about how a man went to sheriff and gave himself up - said he cut a man's throat - tells about his animals - Prairie dogs were many, and how he killed them - He was quite a story-teller - his education, and how he lived - tells about good cattle some man had - no brands on them - later these cattle had different kind of brands put on them - man lost most of cattle - (muffled at times) - tells about flu epidemic of 1918 - tells about a certain man - very intelligent, helped people physically and spiritually - superstitions country people had - and about the man <sup>(under 30)</sup> with the unusual smoking pipe - tells about peace treaty signed by Congress with Indians - about 1000 people's celebration, this place was around what medicine lodge is now -