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Abstract:

Berry Fritz Krause

Garrett Charles Krause

Mr. Berry Fritz Krause (born in 1914) and his brother, Mr. Garrett Charles Krause (born in 1919) reminisce about their childhood on a farm in Beasley, Texas; their school days at West End Beasley School and stories of things they did when they were young men, cooking candy unsupervised, home remedies, and Garrett accidentally shooting off three of his fingers with a shotgun and walking to get help, since he was home alone.

Interview Summary

People

Mrs. Leora Stern Krause (wife of BF)
Mrs. Merle Engle Krause (wife of GF, aka Aunt Merle)
Mr. Glen Walker (school teacher)
Mr. Otto Richter (neighbor)
Mr. Carl Blile (music instructor from Rice Institute)
Ms Della (hated spiders)
Mr. Bill Stribling (heavyweight boxer)
Ms Lillie Allison (German speaking neighbor)
Uncle Adolph, Uncle Charlie (candy counter clerks)
Dr. Weeks (treated typhoid fever)
Ferdy Frederick (drove to hospital)
Dr. Balkey (Rosenberg Hospital)
Erna Mae Muehlbrads (neighbor)
Dr. Gus Yelderman (worked on fingers)
Slim and Shorty (mules killed by lightning)
Blue and Ladd (white mules)
Mr. Paul Warnard (neighbor with big mules)
Mr. Stern (father of Leora)

Places / Businesses

West End Beasley school
Lutheran church in Beasley
Schafers Drug Store
Turkey Creek (ran through farm)
Houston Lighting and Power Company

Events

Catching snakes
Moving Bill Stribling's airplane
Burned hands making molasses candy
Shot finger off with shotgun
ALMOST perfect attendance at school
Spending nights at Turkey Creek
Threw bucket down open well
Moving bee hives