

RAD: 199F, side 1: Cornhusker, corn ops. March 18,1979 **I should try listening very carefully to this side: Sandy says more than half is a bust. (this written July 95) Actually both sides.**

RAD: That was just an old wood corn picker and we had a thing with a motor coming down and it was pretty well worn out. It wasn't doing the job that I wanted it to do. The corn was fed into that thing and bounced around and then its husk was grabbed and thrown down under the husker. I was standing over the husker and I was very careful not to put my hand down too close to the rolls and pushing the corn down a little bit. After the husks built up under the husker, I would reach under and pull them out. It never occurred to me that a roll would pull up as well as down. First thing I knew I had one hand into the rolls and it rolled my hand up to the upper knuckles. I reached under quickly to do something, I just automatically reached in and it caught my other hand, my right hand. So I managed to get them both in. Well, fortunately, the men were around and I let out a yell. They turned off the machine. Then my hand was stuck. I sat there with my hands up through the machine. Luckily I didn't have my wedding ring on because the machine would have pulled it off my finger. So after the machine was stopped, they took a crowbar and broke the rolls apart and I got my hands out. I went up here to the back door out on the lawn and rolled around cussing myself for being a damn fool. That was two or three days before we had our big exhibition when the Rotary came through. I still have the scars on my right hand.

(a lot of stuff I cannot hear or comprehend)

RAD: I was hanging around in some pain with my arm in a sling.

Was Grampa around or was that after he was gone.

Grampa wasn't around.

Was that before he died, do you know?

I don't remember. After that we elevated the husking rolls so that nobody could get their hand in there. It was elevated to about 12 feet off the ground and the corn was sent into these husking rolls. We put a wagon under the husking end. When the wagon was full of husks we hauled it out.

(more stuff I cannot understand, mostly Mother, I think)  
(over half of this side is a bust, unfortunately)

Side 2

RAD talking about ABS, scientists and most modern equipment.

They were working on the preservation of organic materials....and still have it be active....Whenever I had visitors that were interested, I'd take them up there and we'd get the red carpet treatment, the full deal. That was fun, those years I really enjoyed....I gave one of the speeches. The point I made was that 1902 was a vintage year....(names people born in 1902)....(have gone on to a new subject, I think) ...couldn't afford farms of their own.