McP: I think, and this great big old fat Negro, we all called her Lavender. She made a little homebrew and. She couldn't have enough brew cause she hadn't had enough money to get a pint of whiskey. Then there was one more little Negro come in there, was a shoeshine. That's the only Negro that I seen in a long time.

DB: Do you never remember seeing any Chinamen here?

McP: No, no.

XM: There was none when I was here in the late '30s, early '40s. There was none of them; come in, stop and get gas but ah...

McP: But they none of 'em come in and tried to work.

DB: When we were driving through here today, there were a lot of pickup trucks, I know a lot of that is from the elk season being here, but it's really developed since you've been here in 1917. What would you say were the main things happening that have caused this development? What do you think has caused it?

McP: Well, I would say the main thing is the increased population of this country here.

XM: That and the roads.

McP: And then too about the roads, this machinery that take the place of horses and men has to have something to run on; can't run on these dirt roads. There is all kinds of things that have changed here.

DB: We're interested in some of the strange names for places around here, trying to figure out where they got named and you might be able to tell a little bit. You talked a little bit about Spion Kop the other day, or earlier today, is that, you say it's got something to do with the Boer War, maybe?

XM: No, nothing to do with the Boer War.

McP: You got good eyes there, look up Spion Kop in that.

(BREAK IN TAPE)

McP: This peak up there, this is what they call Spion Kop. That really isn't Spion Kop. That peak...that dome over here is, the two of 'em together; behind there is another big dome, and there is your survey of Spion Kop.

DB: How about Spy Glass Peak, how did that get that name?

McP: I haven't heard.

DB: Have you ever heard of Suburban Peak?

McP: Yea.

DB: How did that get that name, you know?

McP: Well, I tell you, that was named during this Gangster Age. Yea.

DB: How about Big Hank Meadow?

McP: That was named for Hank; had a homestead on it.

DB: What was his last name?
McP: I don't remember.
DB: Was this back when you were...?
McP: That was way before my time.
DB: How about Burnt Hill?
McP: Burnt Hill; I never heard of it.
DB: Steamboat Rock?
McP: Steamboat Rock, yea. I know it.
DB: Do you know why they called it Steamboat Rock?
XF: 'Cause it was shaped...
McP: Well, it looks like a steamboat. An old steamboat, you know, from the side. We have here above, Cathedral Rock. It looked just like a cathedral. When I come here there was, 37 big columns up there. And the last time I was up there, there was two left. Spion Kop used to have those.
DB: What happened to the columns?
XF: Erosion.
DB: Fell down? How about Nowhere Creek?
McP: You passed it down here.
DB: Why do you think they call it that?
McP: He. I guess, it really is nowhere. He, he, he. That's as close as I can tell you.
DB: He, he, he, he.
XF: Can I ride Jane?
McP: Do anything you like young lady but don't hurt yourself.
XF: Do you have a bridle?
McP: Huh?
XF: D'you have a bridle?
McP: I think so. Did have.
(BREAK IN TAPE)
XF: ...some of the, the older fellows. There are people around there. I know.
XM: The Baslingtons too.
XF: Yes.
DB: Who's this?
XF: Baslington.
DB: Maslington?
XF: No, B.
DB: How do you spell that?
DB: Aha. Where do they live?
XF: Oh...there is two of them close to...
XM: ...the bridge comes across the river, where two roads come together?
DB: I think so, yea.
McP: Alright. Now you go down, like you go down take the first right hand side, take the first place you come to. It's the old Baslington.
DB: Is that near Kingston, or...?
McP: Yea. Oh, no, no. Prichard.
DB: Prichard?
McP: Five or six miles below Prichard.
DB: And what are then...what is thier first name again?
XF: Ah...his name is...Willard.
McP: Elmer.
XF: Elmer is gone, isn't he?
McP: He's dead, yea.
DB: What are they, they work for the Forest Service?
XF: No, no they're retired now.
McP: Loggers, they're retired loggers.
XF: Of course, old Willard hasn't been here, really that many years.
XM: The Baslingtons, they homesteaded--the old Baslingtons.
XF: I know his name just as well as anything too.
DB: Well, I have just a couple of more names to run by, see if you remember. How about Senator Creek?
McP: Well, that's right over here.
DB: Do you have any idea why they named it that?
McP: Well, I don't know but it happened right after the Depression. They got the CC kids in here and started building these roads. They had a hell of a good ranger up here at Magee. A good man. And the politicians were riding high on this. So they surveyed this road down through here and these creeks had no name. So across the road this is Mac Creek, and across the bridge there is one a little ways so they called that New Deal. New Deal Creek. For President Roosevelt. Next one beyond that was Senator Creek.
DB: Remember what his name was, that ranger?
McP: W.W. Larson.
XM: So like a lot of names here are either before you came here or then some names were given during the CCC times?
McP: Yea. God only knows where they got Dodge City.
DB: How about Calamity Creek?
McP: Calamity Creek is right straight over this mountain on the other side of what we call Spion Kop.
DB: Why do you think they call it Calamity Creek?
McP: You should try to get up the thing. Ha, ha.
(GENERAL LAUGHTER)
XF: I noticed you haven't come up with Camp Nowhere. Camp?
DB: Just Nowhere Creek.
XF: Yea. Ah...
McP: It is nowhere.
XF: Yea. That's the reason it was named that. It's just nowhere.
XM: I never figured out why they named it that.
McP: That's all it is, nowhere. And it was more nowhere 25, 30 years ago than it is now.
XM: Pretty soon it's going to be somewhere.
McP: Because you can pass it up so damn much faster than you could then.
XF: But wasn't there a CCC camp?
McP: Yea. It had the name of Nowhere Creek before that.
XF: Yea.
Devil's Elbow. A hell of a big boulder right in the middle and she pouring right down in there.

Oh, that's right.

You had to hit that just right or she would swamp you.

Is that on a creek?

McP: Yea.

What creek was that?

This main river; Little North Fork. At least 20 miles. Right from here at least 16 miles.

How about Van Hoosier, do you know why it is?

That's another one of those damn Boer names. Like Spion Kop.

How about Bennett Peak, did you know a Bennett?

It's the highest peak in this North Fork Country.

Was there a man named Bennett who lived here?

Yea. Had a homestead right at the foot of it.

Was that before you?

Yea. And, he homesteaded, he didn't farm. His homestead was timber claims. He had one there and which was opened before the Forest.

When did he die, do you remember? Was that in your time? Was that before your time?

He lived here before he died?

How about Pierson point, Pierson Peak?

This old fellow he lived here. There's Pierson Place. The peak back in here about eight or 10 miles.

...so if you could mark out the CCC camps and some of the log camps. Can you put an X on the map. Why don't you put in a circle for the CCC camps and an X for the logging camps.

...here. Up here packed it up by canoe, to there. Then build their dam. And put the logs in there and floated the lumber down and made the....

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