HT: And crossed the St. Joe at Conrads Crossing, come out on, then went over the hill to St. Regis, come up the valley, and I don't know where the short-cut was, but it went across to Fort Benton. It was...ah...we can't find what the original Indian name was for the trail, but it was the Montana Trail. And then, when the Jesuits came here, or maybe, maybe it was Montana Trail after the Jesuits. But they named from the Indian name to Father de Smet Trail. Now it's still the Montana Trail.
DB: Are there any pieces of it, that you can still tell where it was? Can you still tell where it crossed?
HT: Oh yea. The Forestry has got it well-figured out.
XF: The Indians used it to go from the hunting fields near Moscow, when they joined together in buffalo hunting.
HT: He-he. Margie the other night, was asking me about the Marble Creek Trail. So I told him. Going up out of St. Joe and up Bond Creek and over the head of Mica Creek and I explained all. Then when I looked on the map and...he-he...I had it exactly, he-he-he.
XF: Did you?
HT: Yea. He-he.
DB: Can you think of any stories about St. Joe, back in the old days?
HT: No. I was too young. I'd be...I'd all be hearsay.
DB: Hmh. How about Clarkia, did you ever hear any stories about Clarkia?
HT: No. Clarkia is like Avery. It's a busy lumbering town. Well run. I don't think Clarkia is very rough.
DB: Did you ever have any law enforcement people here, in Avery?
HT: Well, during the forest fire we had the company of soldiers. Since that we had a deputy sheriff.
DB: How did the...is the deputy sheriff full time?
HT: Oh, yea.
DB: Were there any fights down at the bars, or brawls or anything?
HT: Not that I ever heard, I suppose they got into little arguments. But I never...nothing bad.
DB: So, mostly everybody got along pretty well together.
HT: I imagine so.
DB: Well, Dale, do you have any more questions?
XM: Well, no.
DB: OK.
(BREAK IN TAPE)
DB: And I was also wondering, along the railroad, like, every mile there's a little white light bulb at the side of a pole?

HT: Yea.
DB: What is that for?
HT: That is an indicator. And when there's no train on the track, that burns, and when the train is coming, that goes out, and it is always close to a set off so that the section men could get in the clear.
DB: Oh, OK.
HT: But...do you see 'em burning in the day time?
DB: Yea.
HT: But whenever a train is coming that shorts the rail, puts the light out, and if there is a section men on the car he knows to get in the clear.
(BREAK IN TAPE)
XF: Three Forest Service wives that were pregnant all at one time.
HT: Oh, he-he
XF: They named that place Maternity Hill.
DB: That's Charlie Scribner?
HT: Yea. Calder had one.
(BREAK IN TAPE)
HT; What you call the work center for the Forest Service.
DB: Right.
HT: Well, that be the same thing. The camp would be...from the...
DB: Why did they call them spike camps?
XF: They were just offshoots...
HT: Auxiliary, I suppose, I...
XF: Work camps.
DB: And where were those spike camps located at?
XF: Where is Bathtub?
HT: Near Theriault Lake.
DB: What was there?
HT: That's the lake named after my dad, when he was on the state surveying. Then Dominion Creek was named at the same time. It runs out of Theriault Lake.
DB: I see. Could you show me where the skitwish monuments are?
Ht: Which?
DB: The stacks of rocks the Indians made.
HT: In the Middle Butte. You're better on the map than I am. Ought to be over here somewhere.
XF: Isn't it down further south. East Butte, right there.
HT: East Butte. You wanna make a mark there.
DB: How about an X.
Ht: This is it, Sandy?
XF: I guess?
DB: Is it on the trail, or what is it on?
XF: Make an 'X' there. Here...
HT: And 'X'.
DB: And there was one other place.
HT: Mount Baldy, you said. Ahh.
(BREAK IN TAPE)

HT: ...Ah...there's markings of some kind there.
DB: Commissary Pinnacle? What kind of commisary was it?
HT: Well, I suppose they had beans and bacon like they would have in the pioneer days.
DB: This would have been for fur trappers?
HT: Huh?
DB: Fur trappers?
HT: Probably trappers, and homesteaders.
DB: Let me put an 'X' there. OK.
(BREAK IN TAPE)
DB: Now how did they used to celebrate the Emperor's Birthday?
HT: The Japs come in here, the...they...railroads getting the silk hauled. They had to make some kind of a concession to the Japanese, so they hired them for the roundhouses and so on, and that kept the silk business. But ah...they stayed to themselves and they would always celebrate the Emperor's Birthday, and they would invite the whole town. And liquor and candy, and cake, and trinkets for the kids. They would really go all out. And...the whole town would look forward to the Emperor's Birthday.
DB: Did they have fireworks?
HT: ...One time the...there's no roads going down the track, and, they ah...they brought the roundhouse foreman, and the second brother older than myself, up home on a push car. Had them laid out on the push car. Then the, they brought them over to the Hotel, and in the morning the roundhouse foreman's dirty hat was nailed up on a white pine, in the yard. He-he-he.
HT: He later got to be general superintendent of the railroad. He was a big shot. And ah...he was taken in for the Emperor's Birthday.
DB: When was that, do you remember what time period it was?
HT: No, I forget the date?
DB: In the '20s?
HT: Earlier than the '20s, wasn't it?
HT: Oh, yes. That was in 1910...around there. '10 or '11.
XM: What time of year was that?
HT: And, yea...the biggest celebration was then. Then each year it kept getting smaller, and finally in about 10 years that died out. As they changed different Japanese, and they'd get smaller crews.
DB: What time of year was it?
HT: I can't tell you.
DB: Was there snow on the ground?
HT: Probably in the Fall. I forget.
XF: And they had a hand car to haul everybody home that had too much to drink, didn't they?
HT: Oh yes. They had the push car. And they'd shove 'em up like dead wood. He-he-he-he.
DB: Take them home, right.

HT: And that would last for two or three days, for the ones that wanted to stay there, keep the party going.
XF: He-he-he.
DB: Oh, that's great.

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