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Sending children home in bad weather.

And of course when it was very foggy weather, at school, and if there's snow storms on, there was actual snow or we had warnings of snow he used to close the school a bit earlier so they could get home before it got dark, because they had a long, long way to walk, Merrivale's over a mile away, and these children had to go in these different directions so he used to keep plenty of skipping ropes and the senior boy or girl, he'd say, 'You're responsible to see that they got home, don't let them let go of the rope.'

So they were walking across the moor?

Yes, they used to walk across the moor, and in the fog, if you try to find your way round you go round in a circle.