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right across. (Just from the heat.) Yes, from the heat. (You don't have to strike them.) No. They'll go anyway. (You don't have to throw water on them?) No, no. There was one boulder between here and the road. In the middle of the road. We started to set fire on top of it. Darn thing, there was only a little went on the top. (Little crack, you mean?) Yeah. But, a little trench around the edge, and you don't need so very much wood, either. When it gets warmed up, it'll crack--you can hear it blasting. There were thousands of them. (That you did.) Yeah. (Thousands of boulders.) Yeah. (Were you the first one who ever did that around here?) I was the one to do it here. I think there were more here

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