

Tape Meter

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- 005 Interview begins with narrator describing a common mode of transportation in this area in the 1940s. It was ~~xxxxxx~~ nicknamed "the bug" and was a motorized passenger car that ran on railroad tracks. It was discontinued in the 1950s.
- 011 Advantages of rural life. Very good for children, everyone looks after each other's kids and parents don't have to worry about them. Rural area is very beautiful with clean air and water. ~~xxxxxx~~ Narrator feels that Bovill is unique from most other places and she always enjoys coming back home after traveling. Comments that the people of Bovill have strived to keep the area rural.
- 036 Life of a rural and city woman compared. Rural women, from the time they are very young, need to learn how to be independent; also have to learn how to work with others in their family. Unlike the city, not much competition between neighbors. Rural community more easy going. Stories about how narrator is accustomed to going barefoot and her children also go barefoot much of the time.
- 058 Family life now compared to family life when narrator was a child: no comparison. While growing up, narrator's family moved all over the country because it was during the depression and her father was always looking for work. Now, since narrator came to Bovill, she has never moved. ~~Now~~ Another difference is that narrator's husband has a steady income whereas when she was a child, her father didn't. Narrator comments that she doesn't know how her mother managed things after her father died, they were so poor. (Father died in 1948.)
- 071 Activities as a child. Baseball was a favorite game. Comments that she was the only girl on the little league team in Arkansas and she taught her brothers how to play baseball. Narrator still plays and helps teach baseball, although she ~~xxx~~ has temporarily quit because of a recent injury received while catching a fly ball. Funny stories about her pet mule and cat when narrator was a child. Recalls she played a lot with paper dolls and paper clothes. Comments that she and her borthers and sister played at whatever did not cost money because their family was so poor. Very interesting and funny story about when narrator saw a naked man for the first time. She was 9 years old ~~xx~~ and was in a tree when she saw him. She was so shocked that she fell out of the apple tree. Narrator mentions that her mother treated all ailments with turpentine, kerosine, and castor oil.

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Education. Although family was destitute, she was expected to finish high school and then go on to more schooling of some kind. Narrator's mother had just finished 8th grade; but was a school teacher with that education. Narrator mentions that her grandfather felt that education was very important. Stories about picking cotton to earn money.

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Courtship and early married life. Courtship was a lot of fun. She had known her husband from years before, but they had just been acquaintances. She met him again when she had moved to Bovill in order to get a job as a secretary. ~~She couldn't find a ny jobs---~~ Met her- (although she couldn't find any jobs). When she ~~fixxxx~~ met ~~xxx~~ him again in Bovill, she didn't like him at all. Eventually, -though, they did start dating. -- Funny story about how they did start to date and what they did n Funny stories about how she and her husband did start to date and what they did on dates. Nothing to do in Bovill but drive around, occassional movies and visiting his parents. When first married, husband had job with PFI (Potlatch Forest Industries). He was stationed at camps with other men, so narrator and husband got to see each other only one or two days a week. It was really awful since they were newlyweds. Wedding gift from her mother was a lot with a burnt house on it. Narrator tore down that two story house with the help of two teenage boys during the first summer she was married. Comments that she was pregnant at that time, had become pregnant soon after marriage. Narrator visited the camp her husband lived at one time and found out it was just like the army. No women were allowed to live at the camp, ~~xxxxxx~~ except ones who worked serving food, ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ and those women had to live apart from the camp. Narrator stayed with one of these women. Describes the huge amount of food the men ate at camp. Since husband was a lumberjack, they did not have a steady income; had to live off unemployment frequently. Narrator can ned their meat from deer and elk husband shot, and she had a garden from which she canned vegetables. They did not have a freezer during their early married life.

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Very interesting story about the birth of her third child. Went into a quick labor right after her husband left Monday morning for the camp. She got her ~~xxx~~ cousin to drive her to Moscow, through heavy snow and slush. ~~ix~~ Since not many people could get to Moscow ~~xxxxxxx~~ when the roads were covered with snow, a lot of other people came along in the car. On the way, they had a head-on collision. ~~Fixxxxx~~ with another car. Finally, they made it to Moscow just in time to have the baby. The baby had a cerebral hemorrhage and they didn't know if the baby would live or die, or if it would be mentally retarded.

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Also, narrator had developed gangrene from this pregnancy. This was a very difficult time because her husband did not get home from camp several days later and narrator had no one to talk to. Husband, after he did arrive home, was very supportive and helpful. This was a very traumatic time in her life.

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Story about a tragedy with her second daughter. She had gotten hepatitis from an epidemic in the area one winter. At the same time, she had gotten severely burned by an accident at home. This was a time when her husband was also away at camp. Narrator had a very hard time getting a ride to Moscow because the weather was so cold that peoples' cars would not run. Finally got to Moscow. Daughter had a hard time recovering, but eventually did. Narrator comments how difficult some times were during her life because her husband was often away at camp.

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~~XXXXXX~~ ~~EX~~ Expectations for children's futures. Narrator expects they will all be married eventually (Narrator has three daughters). Second daughter plans to be a dental technician.

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Story about ~~how~~ when she-was-6-years- narrator was 6 years old. She rode on a train from Arkansas to Kelso, Washington with her mother, ~~and her six-month-olde~~ her 2 year old sister and 6 month old brother. ~~R~~ They had to ride on an army troop train and it was so crowded, her mother apparently had to ride on the outside of the train. Funny story about how narrator lied about her age so her mother would not have to pay for a ticket.

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End of interview.