

Tape A Side I Grace Ingle
Audio quality-ok

- 000 Starts. (Begins in mid-conversation.) Speaks of going to college. Meets husband there. Church activities while at school. Babysat for family she stayed with while in school.
- 033 Went to school of Education. Planning to teach. Senior year moved in with widowed brother, helped to take care of 11 month old baby. Taught at Lone Star school in Lindville area for 3 years. Describes school (bullet hole in door.) Elementary teacher.
- 053 Social life. Contract-couldn't smoke, drink, have male company in living quarters. Lived with family. Janitor work. Rode horse to school. Wore jeans when teaching.
- 080 Had to pay back loans-graduated from university in 1932. Paid \$80.00 a month. Room and board \$30.00 a month. Paid in warrants.
- 096 Married 1935-husband hadn't graduated, had to help family in depression. Hadn't planned on marrying. (gap)
- 109 Husband farmed. Married with \$75.00, 4 cows, 12 chickens. All they had til harvest. Has problems with first birth-39 hours labor. Neighbor came and stayed for 10 days. All children born at home.
- 143 Decided two children was enough due to difficult labor. Birth control-didn't work (no details). Sex education-learned from livestock on farm and sisters-in-laws.
- 158 Believed in strict discipline. Talks of her children's future and lives. Grandchildren.
- 199 When she grew up they made their own fun. Now kids are more dependent on money for their fun.
- 205 Civic minded. Home extension work. Sews. Works in church. Travels. Enjoys working with people. Reads a lot. Travels to convention for county officials-husband was county commissioner for 20 years.
- 221 Grandson would like to farm.
- 228 Hasn't worked outside home. Kept busy in community. House work for family and large work crew. Gardens. Has driven truck, helped fence, fed cattle, helped with calving.
- 235 Now, more conveniences. Combine eliminated lots of work. Large crews and lots of hay needed before this. Story of washing, etc. Electricity in 1938 eased up life. Got running water.
- 245 1959 built new home, helped make life more pleasant and housework easier to do. Kept clean easier. Feels she was capable of working outside home if necessary. Farm work quite a computerized operation now.

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Continuation

- 257 Activities. Church dinners, secretary of church board (husband President). 4-H leader for 14 years. Husband on county fair board. Home extension booths at fair. Concerned with youngsters getting training.
- 268 (Husband enters.) Advice to young farm women today-patience, understanding, knowledge of housekeeping, knowledge of child rearing. Must learn from early days. Compassion. Understanding-more important for husband to do farm work than say show up at meals on time.
- 281 Magazines. Goodhousekeeping, McCalls, Reader's Digest, Farm Journal, Idaho Farm Report. 2 daily newspapers. TV-Welk, educational programs, musical programs.
- 290 Discuss-mutual problems, family, business. Farm life-40 years of pleasant memories.
- 292 Tape ends.

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- 320 Starts. Youngest of 8 kids, born in North Idaho in small town. Moves to Weiss. Goes to grade school. Moves to farm in Boise Valley. Also had dairy cattle. Goes to high school in Boise.
- 332 Country schools. Rode horse a lot-tells stories. Her job as child--to bring in cows. Tells good stories of taking care of cows.
- 358 State tests/examinations. Father rented land so they moved a lot so she attended many different schools. Most one room schools.
- 364 Social activities-literary programs, local talent, church programs. Traveling preachers. Boise High School. First year stayed with brother and worked for board and room. Second year stayed with attorney and worked for board by housekeeping, babysitting, etc. Interested in athletics. In school plays-dramatics class. Intramural sports program.
- 379 Family life now compared with past. Before-not enough money to go around, made their own fun, parents determined to give kids education. Tells what siblings have done. She graduated from U of Idaho. Fun-family sang together, gave recitations, discussions/family talks. Box socials.
- 392 Belonged to Grange-they had programs. U of Idaho. Works for couple years to pay way-milks cows, cooks, bailed hay. Brothers gives her the money to go for 1st year. Borrowed money from neighbor next year. Worked for board and room. Had fun. Was different than farm. More people to interact with.
- 404 Tape ends.

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XX: On May 5, 1976. We would like to hear about your life.

GI: I was the youngest child of eight, born to Henry and Laurel Warren. I was born on a small farm in a small cabin near the Bosie River, at a small community named Collister about 4 miles west of Bosie; we lived there a short time and my father and family moved to Weiser, about 6 miles toward Payette, where I went to the Crystal Gradeschool for three years. I was the youngest of ^{TWO} the family and at that time I had only two brothers at home. I was the pet and learned to run because my brother said "If you're going with us, you'll have to keep up.", so with myself between the two of them, holding on to their hands, I learned to keep up. We went to the Crystal Gradeschool for three years and then we moved to a small farm that my father had bought , ugh, between [unintelligible] and the Bosie Valley. This was a 50 acre sand hill and my mother and father also landed? a 80 acre farm where they could keep their dairy cattle, about 2 miles away, this was just off hiway 44 on Palmer Lane. We lived there until I finished the ehghth grade and went to high school in Bosie. At that time there was an interurban streetcar made the circle from Bosie to Caldwell to Nampa, it took 2 hours to make the circle. We were 16 miles from Bosie and I walked a mile and

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a quarter to the streetcar night and morning. Sometimes it was so foggy that my neighbor would be a short distance ahead ^{of} or behind me and we couldn't see nor hear one another until we got to the station.

XX: Alright, is there anything in particular that you'd like to tell about, ugh, attending a country school, that's unusual?

GI: Well, I started the country school when I was 5 1/2, my birthday was on Christmas but because I was the only one at home and the first grade only had one other youngster in it, the teacher was anxious to have me there, so I went but um, the other girl didn't ^{Not} know how to read, nor color or anything and so I was way ahead of her, so the teacher in order to devote more time to the other pupils, let me be that little girl's first teacher; I'm afraid I developed some rather bad habits. It took her untill Christmas time to read the story of the Little Red Hen, which I had already read a number of times before, before I went to school.

XX: Um, did you by any chance ride horses, did you live that far away from the school that you had to ride horses to school?

GI: Yes, I kinda grew up on a horse, ugh, never with a saddle though. We had an old gray mare that we called Baby, she was so gentle and such a pet that when she would eat grass or when I would come near, she'd put her head down and I'd just grab ahold of

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her ears and set on her neck and then she'd raise her head up and I'd slide back. They said it looked like I just sat on a table and I'd hang onto her mane to keep from falling off. When I wanted to get off I'd just tap her on the neck and she'd slide her head down and I'd slide off. When I was in the sixth grade we lived at a little place called Lisa? which is between, it's just out of Emmett aways and we lived nearly 2 miles form the school, at that time we had a bay pacing horse that my father had gotten and called mine and I would ride him to school, throw the rope over his back and he would go home and then when it came time to school to be out they would put the rope over his neck send him down the road and I would ride him home again. Um, we had one interesting experience, it was always my job to bring in the cows and one night they were all across the creek but one jersey cow that was nearly always one of the first to come in, so I immediately realized that there must be something wrong if she hadn't come in with the others, so I threw my books down and jumped on Prince, that was the name of this horse, and hit for the pasture, we had a ~~fl~~^{SLOUGH} as they called it running diagonally through our pasture, when I got to this ~~fl~~^{Slough} I could see at the far edge of the fence a cluster of cattle from the neighboring pasture, so I realized there must be something wrong. So I rode this horse just as hard as he could go up to the fence and sure enough this cow had tried to jump the fence, and she'd gotten her both hind feet wrapped in the barbed wire and was lying there on the side and the cattle were just standing there horning her. Well the wire^s was so tight I couldn't get them undone,

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so I jumped back on the horse and headed for home, he realized there was something wrong and he just took the bit in his mouth and went, he came to this slouth so fast that he couldn't stop so he just jumped in and it was a loose gravel bed and he stumbled as he went down and of course I went off over his head but that horse was so patient that he got up and stood there and waited for me. But I didn't get on him in the creek, I let out and went back and got a pair of pliers and brought the cow home. She was pretty weak and battered up but she did recover, she had some bad cuts on both hind legs, utterly ripped by the wire. And ^{from used to have} we had some cows that used to bloat and never knew enough to quit eating, and one old cow especially would bloat every time, she was a black holstein, and when she'd get bloated she'd let out a bellow and head for the barn, and she'd go lay up side the barn, we'd go and punch her with our fists until the gas expelled, we never lost her but we surely got disgusted with her.

XX: Now how old were you when you were doing all this?

GI: Well that was while I was still in grade school, ^{or,} sixth to eighth grade.

XX: Some of the original hot lunches were started in grade school, country schools. A pot of soup and things like this. Did this ever happen?

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GI: We never had that in our community where we lived, we always carried sack lunches.

XX: Ugh, did you have to then tend to your horses at noon?

GI: Oh yes.

XX: Ugh, when you were first started school and were smaller, did you have older brothers then, to help you out?

GI: 4 1/2 and 5 1/2. Until I was in the sixth grade I didn't ride a horse to school. I was close enough to walk to school.

XX: Ugh, then what, you said you went all grades there. Was there ugh, state tests and this sort of thing?

GI: Oh yes, we took state physiology and Idaho history tests when we were in the seventh grade, and when we were in the eighth grade we took the state examinations for the other subjects. At that time some schools had seven months, some eight months and some nine months. My father did not own property and he rented ranches, so we moved often, either in November or in March. Sometimes they would have one year lease, sometimes two or three years. So I went to a number of schools. And at, in southern Idaho they had these schools, oh, every so many miles, and they were quite close. And at that time they were not too restrictive that if you lived in one district you could

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go to another district. And so when we happened to live in a seven month school my mother would send me to the eight or nine month school and then how much money they had for their school district.

XX: Was there a tuition involved if you crossed a district line?

GI: No, not at that time.

XX: And were all of these schools just one teacher?

GI: Yes, usually, um, one of them was a two room teacher, a two room school but the rest of them had , oh, 30, 45 pupils in them all eighth grade .

XX: Um, was there a lot of social activity for the community held through the schools?

GI: Oh they would have the literary program and they would put on local talent program. Churches were quite active, you know everyone went to church and participated in the church program .

XX: Now was the school and the church held in the same building?

GI: Often times they were. Often they had a traveling minister that went around and served several churches or they would have different denominations come in and hold services for maybe

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several months at a time and then he would go on to serve another church , and someone else possibly from another denomination would come in and hold a church service.

XX: Did you ever have an experience with a certain ^{CIRCUIT} teacher?

GI: No I never did , oh there was a county music teacher who came one day a week.

XX: And then you went on into high school.

GI: Yes. I went to Bosie high school, I could have gone to Star or Eagle high school , we were not in either Star or Eagle high school district , so we were free to choose to go to what ever school we wanted . And um my folks wanted me to go to a larger school and so they sent me to Bosie high school. First year I stayed in Bosie with my, one of my brothers and worked for my board and room. And the next year I worked for my board and room for an attorney and his wife, and took care of their children and did the cooking and housework. Then the last two years I stayed at home and helped my folks with the chores and rode the interurban streetcar into Bosie.

XX: What were some of the activities that you participated in?

GI: [unintelligible], Athletics. The first two years I was able to participate in more than the last two years because my street

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car left at 4:00, which was about 15 minutes after school was out, so I didn't have time to stay for basketball games and things like that after school. Except , two or three times I was in some school plays , I took dramatic classes and part of our requirement ^{was} ~~was~~ to be in the school plays. And they were ...had to practice for them , I had to stay and take a later streetcar. And then if they were in the evening, why I'd stay with my brother.

XX: um, were there any girls sports programs?

GI: Just intramural at that time, it was in our own school.

XX: And what were these?

GI: Oh, basketball, volleyball, baseball, at that time we didn't have swimming and I had no place to practice tennis , I think they had tennis at that time too but I didn't have any place to practice so [unintelligible].

XX: Ugh, how does your family life now compare to the family life when you were a child?

GI: Well, it's quite different. We were farmers, dairy farmers and at that time it seemed like there was never enough money to go around , and we made due with what we had . We made our own fun, and ugh, we were quite a happy family I think. My parents

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were quite strong believers in education. My father had left school when he was in the third grade to go to work to help support his family in England, then he and his brother came to the United States to work in the mines when he was 17, so he was quite determined that his family would have an education. And my mother had been a teacher so naturally she was in favor of education.

XX: Did your brothers , were they encouraged to go to school more than the girls of the family ?

GI: No, I don't think any of us were encouraged to go, I think we just took it for granted that we would be going, and my oldest sister became a registered nurse, my other sister went two years to college and at that time you could teach after two years, and all my brothers graduated from the university, one in law, and my other brother lacks one quarter of finishing from a the University of Madison, so we just took it for granted that we were going to school, we never questioned that we weren't.

XX: And you went on past high school too?

GI: Um hum, I graduated from the University of Idaho.

XX: You said that you made your own fun, your family did, um , in what way?

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GI: We used to do lots of singing, we had an organ and mother played the organ and dad was very fond of singing, and we gathered around and sang songs, and ugh, we used to...at that time we used to have to memorize lots of poems and we would give recitations, and we would prepare for these literary programs, and we played games among ourselves when the kids were home. We had lots of discussions.

XX: Ugh, ever attend such things as B _____ or anything like that?

GI: Oh yes, I grew to hate them. (laughter) I never liked to have to eat with somebody I didn't know who was gonna my

XX: Now were these held at the country school or ugh..

GI: Usually in the country school.

XX: By the time you had gone into high school then, um, did you participate in anything of this nature?

GI: At that time I belonged to Grange and we had similar activities in grange and we had programs there too. Kind of carried on, as I said for the last two years I had to come home, so I wasn't with my high school class for social activities as much as if I had been in town where I had more time.

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XX: And then you said you went on to school, um, did you attend all four years at Moscow?

GI: Yes I did. I stayed home the year after I graduated from college my folks wanted me to ride that same streetcar to Caldwell to the college of Idaho. And I would ^{of had} have to leave home at 7:00 and get home about 20 minutes of eight at night, in order to fit my classes in. And I was a little rebellious and I said if I had to stay at home and go to college I would stay home and work until I got money enough to come to the University of Idaho, where my brothers had gone. So I stayed home and milked cows, helped with the hay and the irrigating and things like that and did the housework, and other things that were needed. Then the next year my brothers were afraid I wouldn't go on to school, and so they pitched in and priveded me \$775 to go ^{to} the university, and I went and had a ball. (laughter) They thought I had too much fun so the next year they said they wouldn't be able to help me. So I was determined I was going to go to college another year anyway, so I borrowed money from one of my neighbors and my mother signed my note. And that year I went to school on \$300 and had almost as much fun (laughter). I worked for my board and room and I wore the same clothes that I wore the year before, with the exception of one new sweater and skirt outfit, and one dressy dress, and shoes and things like that.

XX: Sounds as if these are good memories for you and you say you had a good time. What did you do that ugh...

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GI: Well having lived on the farm, away from others, I always loved to be with people, and I always had a good time with people. So when I came to college I met students from all over, Idaho and everywhere, you know, and we had good times, and I enjoyed the social functions and I didn't study quite as much as I should have perhaps, but I got average grades and that satisfied me. And, ugh, I just loved university life.

XX: Um then, is this where you met your husband?

GI: Yes, I met my husband when I was a freshman,. I stayed at the dormitory when Haze Hall was new,,and he stayed at Lindly Hall. And um, he and his..oh no his brother wasn't there until the second year, but anyway he stayed at Lindly Hall, and we went to the Methodist church, and every Friday evening the methodist church had a _____ hour and we would go to that, and then they had Sunday evening services for the young people. We would go to that and we met that way. We didn't go together too much until the second year, and at that time I was working for my board and room, and um, but I still had time for _____ activities and social functions. We worked out a night with the people I stayed with, they liked to go out on Saturday night and I liked to go out on Friday night, so they planned their activities so that I could have my night out. And they were wonderful, it was Captain and Mrs. Crenshaw. He was the captain in the military services. They apparently had plenty of faith in my taking care of their children and I remember one weekend

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they went to Spokane, for the weekend and left me there to take care of the children. Saturday morning I woke up and had the mumps, my face was almost square, so I immediately called them to tell them that I had the mumps and they wanted to know if they should come home and I said well I feel fine, I've had the mumps before, they said _____, I encouraged them to stay, that I would let them know if I couldn't..wasn't able to take care of the children. They called back that evening, I was just fine but my face was just as big as ever. They stayed until Tuesday and I was getting pretty restless because I felt just fine but the swelling hadn't gone down, so I went up to the infirmary to find out if I could get permission from the doctor to go back to classes, I hated to miss that much, I was carrying 20 hours. The doctor examined me and he says yes go back to class. So I went back to class. He told me I could go back to class, so I called the Crenshaws and told them to come home. And um, they were home that evening, and I went back to class Wednesday morning.

XX: How many children were you taking care of?

GI: Two. They were both preschoolers. Mary Jean and _____ I took physical education, I was in the school of education, planning to teach. And um, I stayed with the Crenshaws for two years then the next year, my senior year, one of my brothers had lost his wife and he had an 11 month old child. So he wanted me to stay with him and help him with the little girl. So he

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had an apartment which was across the street from the hospital on Washington Street. And I stayed with him and continued to finish my senior year. I planned to teach in a rural..in an elementary school, and at that time there were about 30 one room schools in Latah County. The next year I was fortunate to get one in the Lonestar school out in the Linville area. I taught there for three years, I was their last teacher before consolidation. I also told them that they couldn't stand it anymore after I was there. But the school house had a bullet hole through the door from a previous shot, years ago when some of the older boys were bigger than the teacher. It used to have the reputation of being a pretty rough school but I didn't have any trouble with the youngsters I had, I had , at one time I had 15 youngsters in sixth grade. I never had more than sixth grade. There were only about four families to make up that class room. And you were only allowed 20 classed a day in your curriculum, to teach all your subjects.

XX: 20 clssses.

GI: 20 classes a day form 9:00 until 4:00. That took a lot of planning and cooperation among the kids. It helps not to have those extra two grades.

XX: Did you ever have time for a social life yourself?

GI: Oh yes. I was real strong and full of life. I was always on the

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go.

XX: Were there restrictions for a teacher that no longer exist?

GI: Yes, although our contract was quite interesting, we weren't allowed to smoke or drink and we wouldn't have male company in our rooms. That was right in our contract.

XX: In your school rooms or your living quarters?

GI: ~~In~~ our living quarters. And I lived with a family in my district there and then we'd go to town on weekends. I had to build my own fires and do my own janitor work and carry out my ashes. The place ^{where} I stayed the first year was nearly 3 miles from the schoolhouse and they loaned me a horse to ride, so I would take the short cut up through the canyon from, I stayed with mr. and Mrs. George Campbell, they knew how to treat women then, and um, rode up through the canyon came out past the bakery place and then down the hill to the Lonestar School. I would wear jeans when I rode the horse and in the winter time sometimes the stove was kind of bulky and wouldn't take off and it wouldn't get warm enough for me to change into a dress before the youngsters began coming to school, so it got so I left my jeans on. At that time that was almost unheard of, you know a woman teacher wearing pants to school. But no one ever objected because it was so cold and drafty.

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XX: Did you have running water in the school?

GI: Oh no, no. It did have a pump in the cistern, outside the hall, outside the school.

XX: At least you didn't have to back water a long ways away.

GI: Just the buckets, from the school yard.

XX: And ugh, I imagine that the bathrooms were outhouses too.

GI: They were outhouses, and the teeter totter was unprotected and in the winter time, I remember one little girl in the spring, ugh, she and her sister sat on the teeter totter, pretty soon she came in (laughter), she says "Miss Warren I think I've got something in my pants.", I pulled down her pants and sure enough she had a bunch of slivers in her pants that had come from this teeter totter. I pulled out what I could and she thought that would be alright, she went and sat down for class and pretty soon she came up, she said "It's just getting worse.", so I looked and sure enough they had worked out, so I had to send her home to have her change her underware. I don't know if that ever happens anymore or not.

XX: They're metal now aren't they?

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GI: Yeah, I think they're probably metal , they're probably colder and freezing on your seat. (laughter)

XX: Then uh, what did you, uh, you said you taught school here for three years.

GI: Uh huh, I had to pay back my loans, so at that time, see I graduated from the university in '32, times were hard and um, first year I taught I was able to cash my warrents. I taught for \$80 a year, \$80 a month and the next year they had to lower my salary to \$75 a month and I was not able to cash any of my warrents at the bank. My brother took one and uh, my landlady that I lived with said the warrents wouldn't do her any good until she could get the cash, so I didn't pay her anything until the end of the year. At that time I was able to get enough cash to pay my board, which was \$30 a month, for board and room.

XX: These warrents you talk about, uh were these, what?

GI: They were registered warrents and they were going 4% interst.

XX: Like notes?

GI: Like notes uh huh.

XX: Uh, did they allow married women to teach at that time?

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GI: I think they did, yes they did, in this area anyway. I don't know if they did in all areas or not. But uh, I think they were quite frowned upon if you got married after you signed the contract. If you were married before you signed your contract they might have accepted you, but they didn't like to have you get married after you signed your contract. And I think some of them would have had to break the contract.

XX: Was this ever stated in the contract, not to marry?

GI: It wasn't in mine. But I don't know about others.

XX: Then what, you got married?

GI: Uh, in 1935 we were married. I went home and spent summer with my folks in Bosie. Who were both retired at that time. Because of the depression he'd had to leave school two spring semesters to come home and help his father on the farm. So he did not graduate because he didn't go back after he'd been out the two semesters. And then we came here to this place, we had a house just up the hill from the present house, an old two story house that was built years, and years ago, on a saw mill that planed only one side of the lumber and it was supposed to be 3/4 inch lumber, it still had the knots in and as the years dried it out the knots fell out and left lots of knot holes, we had pretty good air circulation through them.

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XX: Were you married, uh, at your parents' home?

EI: We were married at my parents' home, I was the only one of eight children that was married at home.

XX: Um, and what were some of the reasons you married?

EI: Well, I always said that I wasn't going to marry, I was going to be an old maid school teacher, but uh, after 3 years I decided it was time to change .

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EI: ...ready to retire and uh so it was an opportunity for him to start in and farm. He had really not planned to farm but his brother was unable to take the tension of the farming and so there was no other choice, he had to come home and help his dad. And we lived up here and he worked in partnership with his brother for a few years and then his brother left. His brother had gone on to school and graduated in soils. And he got a chance to go to work for the Soil Conservation Service, so that left Gerald and his dad to operate the farm. When we were married we had \$75 and 4 cows and a dozen chickens, until the next harvest. You asked if things were different on a farm, they are (laughter) considerably. And our son was born in September the next year after we were married, and uh, a little incident on that, uh talking about things being different, at that time I asked the doctor if I should go to the hospital or if I should have my baby at home, he said " Oh, you just as well have it at home

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you know you're used to your own germs and you don't know what you'll pick up from the hospital (laughter). The doctor anticipated a problem and uh, so when I called him and told him that I would need him, he came and made his examination and stayed for 39 hours with the exception for 2 hours when his office nurse called him and said, "You're office is just full of people, can't you get away and come down?". So he made another examination and he said, "You call me if you need me.", so he went down and in 2 hours and 5 minutes he was back again.

XX: Now, you talk about down.

GI: To Kendrick. We lived here, same place and uh things were progressing but they weren't moving very fast. So we went to bed and the doctor stayed. I got up the next morning and made breakfast, and the doctor came down and said, "Well, I thought I was going to be waiting on you." (laughter). So he sent me to walk to the canyon (laughter) to see if things wouldn't hurry up a little bit. But it was about 12:30 that noon before the baby arrived. Everything was fine but he was just not content to leave me. I don't think you'd find many doctors that would put in that many hours. For \$75, I know they wouldn't (laughter), that was something to talk to the baby, of 9 months of treatment and 39 hours in delivery.

XX: Uh, did you have any help?

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GI: Yes. I had a neighbor lady who came at the time and she stayed fro 10 days.

XX: And uh, after this walk to the canyon and all this sort of stuff after the baby was born, then were you up and about or were you in bed?

GI: No. He took stitches and at that time you had to stay in bed until the stitches were removed and they weren't removed for 10 days.

XX: Um, did you, uh, have the rest of your children at home too?

GI: Yes, my daughter was born at home too but uh, uh, when things began to approach the time I called him and I was going to need him, he says, "O.K., give me a call.", so that was at noon and I thought well there's no use gettinhim up here to wait that long again, I better go see him. So I went down to his office, in the car and uh, he says, "Well, I thought I was gonna come and see you." (laughter). I said, "Well, I didn't want you to wait as long as you did before.", so he says, "Do you wanna have it now or wait until later?", I said, "I just as well have it now and get it over with.", he says, "Well, take this now and take another one when you get home and give me a call." So at 10:30 that night I gave him a call, at 20 minutes to 12 the baby was born. He says, "Now I could write a book on when to call the doctor." If you've ever known Dr. Christenson, you could

appreciate that. Some woman said that he never...they didn't like him because he wouldn't tell you anything. But he always knew what to say when it would count.

XX: Um, what determined the number of children you had?

GI: Well, my first baby I carried in perfect comfort. The second one was a very torubled pregnancy. And I decided two was enough. We had orginally hoped to have four but we decided two good, healthy ones was fine.

XX: Did you find it difficult to find any birth control methods at that time?

GI: No, except that they didn't work (laughter), what we tried didn't work. But we didn't have any more so it was satisfactory.

XX: And uh, where did you, being the youngest child in your family then get your knowledge of child birth and child rearing?

GI: Oh, my mother didn't tell me any great deal, she was, uh, very shy and from the old school, things like that weren't talked about. But uh, we grew up on the farm, always had animals, and I think one learns a lot about nature from livestock. And uh, and I had two sisters-in-law who were very easy to talk to and uh, very knowledgeable, and I had a very clean attitude about birth and [unintelligible] Uh, we were always

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morally clean, and I think attitude about life.

XX: Uh, as far as the child rearing, um, sounds, well, you got it first hand when you were in college, if not before.

GI: Yes, I had always liked to take care of children and uh, it just seemed to come naturally, uh, I always got along well with children. And then my teaching experiences, I think helped and I took quite a bit of psychology courses in college. You get a good attitude from that, I think. And we were always both quite strict disciplinarians with our children. My daughter, we lived in the dog house with her ^{for} sometimes because we were the only ones that had any rules and regulations about her behavior when she was in high school. The rest of them were free to come and go whenever they wanted with who they wanted, and she had to be home at a certain time, and there were certain people, certain types of people she wasn't allowed to go see. So we lived in the dog house. I tell her now that with her two children, ^{that} if we had been as strict as she is with them, we'd had to have a bigger dog house, and she said "Well, I can see it now but I couldn't then." And our son was always easy to talk to we never had any discipline problems with him. He was very easy to, I always said if we could keep them till they were 18, then they were on their own and if they hadn't absorbed anything that we had given them in those first 18 years then we really had failed, but I don't think we did cause they're both

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good kids.

XX: What do you see as a future for your children?

GI: Well, my son is really doing well, he has the doctorate degree in animal nutrition and he is engaged in animal, in research in animal nutrition Princeton, New Jersey. He has just been accepted as, a into, being elected and accepted into the American Institute of Nutrition. He's one of three from the University of Idaho who have been accepted. And he's the only one on the American who is a member., so I think he's doing well in his field. He married a girl with three children and, uh one of them is a medical technician and the other one will be a senior in high school, and his second girl is a senior in high school. They're all very talented youngsters. His wife is a music major, she teaches voice and she sings opera and works in back in the music room. And my daughter is a very lovely girl,. She had the misfortune in 1966, when she was 27 years old, she had become paralyzed, she is now paralyzed from the waist down and does not have use of her fingers, she's in a wheelchair!, but she had married and has two lovely children, they're 14 and 12 and they lead a very active life. And perhaps more life than many who are not handicapped. So I think with her training, she has a wonderful personality, she never complains about her affliction, she'll talk about it if you ask her but she never complains.

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XX: And where does she reside now?

GI: Her husband is with the Atomic Energy Commission at Idaho Falls and they've been there for 11 years.

XX: What do you feel is the future for your grandchildren?

GI: Oh dear, I'd hate to say how high they could go, as I told you about my son's children, uh, the little girl is a medical technician and the boy wants to be a farmer, and right now he is interested in livestock and machinery. He has a yen to be a cowboy but I told him that was a short life, so maybe he'll get it out of his system this year but he's interested in being a farmer or preferably a rancher with emphasis on livestock, but he loves machinery. Uh the younger girl is very talented musically, ^{she} sings, ^{she} plays the flute and she's very talented in creative writing, so it's hard to tell how she will go. My daughters' two children are bright youngsters, they're, Kelly the girl who's 14 in April, is the most talented because as she wrote in one of her biographies one time in school, she said, "I learned to clean house when I was 4 years old because my mother was paralyzed.", and she has always accepted her work assignments and never a complaint, she can cook a meal for any number without hesitation, just goes right ahead and she's talented in music and she skies, she swims, she plays piano taught the boy scouts, made the traveling hockey team for three years

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oh, there's the ski patrol.

XX: When you say the traveling hockey team, how wide an area did she travel in?

GI: They go to, uh, Salt Lake and Ogdon and they play in that area down there. Idaho Falls has an outstanding youth recreational program, uh, possibly because it's much of the population of Idaho, around Idaho Falls are college oriented young people in the Atomic Energy Service. And uh, they have lots of talented leaders down there and they're very interested in the youngsters. And of course that is a morman territory too which also believes in keeping youngsters occupied and their talents directed within the family and the church and so forth. And so they have been most fortunate in having an active recreation program. I sometimes think they're over activated but at least you know where they are and they're directed towards clean athletic sports and correct character building activities, I think.

XX: Can you compare the way the role of children in your time and the role of children now?

GI: Well, we had as I said before, we had to make our own fun. And uh, we made our own sleds and things like that, we didn't have the money to buy them, and I don't think our parents would have because they just didn't do that at that time. Now when they do they have to have the top notch in ski equipment and

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they have to have the best musical instrument and so forth or just so much more money spent on youngsters now because the money has been available. And uh, of course their mode of travel is miles and miles, you know, they think nothing of getting in a car and we were fortunate enough to have a bicycle.

XX: What do you do for recreation now?

GI: Oh, we've always been very civic minded. Gerald has worked at two jobs ever since we've been married. He has retired from farming this last year and he had over 800 acres of farm land. And he's been a county commissioner for 20 years. And uh, we've always belonged to grange and uh, he belongs to the Lions, I've been very active in the home extension work which meets once a month and has reader training lectures and I've given a number of those. I do sewing. I work for the church. We love to travel.

XX: What do you do fro relaxation?

GI: All of that is our relaxation. We just enjoy working with people and being with people.

XX: So you combine your relaxation and your recreation as one.

GI: We love to read, both of us love to read.

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XX: Does your family do anything together? For relaxation and recreation?

GI: We travel. About all we have time for now because we're separated and my son is in New Jersey, my daughter is in Idaho Falls and uh, when we go to visit either of them we travel and visit, of course. My son was here at Christmas time with his family and we went to my daughters' the first time we were all together for ten years, and that was quite an experience.

XX: Is most of your travel to your childrens' homes.

GI: Either that or to business oriented conventions or something. We just uh, a week ago, two weeks ago we came back from Colorado Springs where we attended the Northwest Regional Convention of County Officials. And in July we will go to Salt Lake for the National Association. Three years ago we went to Anchorage, Alaska for the regional, western regional meeting, so and he took a few extra days, his sister was there and so we traveled the roads in Alaska while we were there. So we combine our business with our pleasure because our time has been so taken up with our work and our business that we haven't had time to just take off on vacations, like some do.

XX: Have you ever traveled overseas?

GI: No we haven't.

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XX: Are any of your grandchildren interested in farming? Coming back here to farm.

GI: The oldest grandson, um, doesn't have any land of his own. Uh, his other grandparents live in Bonners' ferry and they just have a small acreage; it's just out of town. Uh, he would like to farm, I don't know whether he'd...after he gets through this years experience with this cattle ranch he's on, whether he'd like to come back and do the field work or not, but uh, when he was a youngster he used to runaway from home and they'd always know where to look for him because he'd go to the farm machinery lot and be out there sitting on a tractor. (laughter). Anything with wheels that moved he is interested in. But uh, the younger boy wants to be uh, electronic engineer, so I don't think he's interested in farming.

XX: Would you be interested in seeing your grandson farm your place?

GI: Yes I would like to, uh, he has a lot of growing up to do. Uh, yet it's just kind of a toy to him, something to play with but I think after he gets through this summers experience on the cattle ranch he'll find that it isn't all gravy. (laughter)

XX: Um, thinking back, what are some of the things that you have done to help support the family?

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GI: Well I haven't worked outside the home but having been a housewife on such a large operation as we have had, I had plenty to do at home. And I've kept busy in the community. I have managed the house, always raised a large garden. For fifteen years since his father passed away I have taken care of our garden and lawn and his mother's garden and lawn. And uh, by the time you do that and cook for the hired men and do the washing and the ironing and (laughter) your other activities you just about keep busy.

XX: Uh, have you ever helped in the field?

GI: I have driven truck, I've never learned to drive the tractor. But I have driven truck and pick up and helped build fence. When we had cattle I used to feed cattle on occasion, and help with the calving and so forth.

XX: Um, how do the things that you do now compare with what you did thirty years ago?

GI: Uh, we do everything now much more easily with more conveniences but it seems like it takes me longer to get more done, (laughter) I guess that's a sign of aging.

XX: What about 20 years ago?

GI: Well, except 20 years ago I had lots of men to cook for during

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the summer and uh, let's see coming of the combine eliminated lots of work, the size of harvest crews and so forth. We used to raise 150, 300 tons of hay which took quite a bit of help, and so forth.

XX: Did you always have electricity and running water?

GI: No. When my children were born we pumped the water by hand just because we had a bulky engine (laughter) and we had a hole in the pipe, it took 68 strokes to get the water to the pump and 36 strokes to get the bucket full of water. Then you had to carry it down the hill so that the washboard would heat, lift it out and put it in the tub, wash on the washboard and then pack it out, dump it on the flowers for the water. So uh, the coming of electricity in 1938 eased up many things.

XX: Did you then get uh, water, running water in the house at the same time?

GI: Then they put in a submersible pump and that eliminated the rusty pipes that had holes and caused the water to go back down and uh, we never had anymore trouble with our well after putting in the submersible pump, used all the bathrooms and my feet.

XX: Can you think of any other uh, things that made uh, a great difference in your lifestyle, along these lines?

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GI: Well one thing I've appreciated a great deal uh, in 1959 we built a new home that didn't have the knot holes out of the wood (laughter) and so forth and we had installed electric heat in there and uh, it surly makes life in our home more pleasant. And much easier to take care of it uh, the old house with our oil stove was always difficult to keep clean. When you had these puffs of air that oil ^{soot} come out it was awfully hard to keep your wallpaper clean and so forth. So I think that's perhaps been one of the nicest things that we have had, is our new home.

XX: Was it ever a concern of yours uh, what you'd do to raise your family if something happened to your husband?

GI: Yes I think one always considers that, um, I didn't doubt but what I would've been able to manage had that happened, um, we've always carried plenty adequate insurance we thought, and uh, I would feel capable of working outside the home if I had need to. I would not have been able to have done the farm work. I think I could have rented to a capable operator and managed from there.

XX: Now when you say you don't feel you could have done the farm work , do you mean the actual labor ...

GI: The actual labor.

XX: But you feel you could of managed it though?

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GI: I think I could have if it had been necessary. We have had rather a complicated set up because he has farmed his mother's property and then we had property and now it has been divided so that it goes to the family, so it's quite a computerized operation anymore.

XX: What community and church activities uh, have you been involved in? Well some of them you've already..

GI: I've already mentioned those. Every year we have dinners and I've been in charge of those a number of times.

XX: With what organization?

GI: The Methodist church of Kendrick and uh, we attend regularly. I've been secretary of the switchboard for about 15 years, I guess. My husband is chairman of the board for 10 years now, I guess. We get involved in all kinds of church activities. Go with an organization.

XX: Have you ever displayed anything in a county fair?

GI: Not too much, I was a 4H leader for 14 years.

XX: Was this when your children..

GI: While my children were in.. ranged in age from 9 to 18, and uh,

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my husband was on the fair board. Because of the two we always felt that maybe we shouldn't exhibit, so I never did exhibit anything but I always saw that the 4H kids got their projects ready to exhibit and so forth and uh, we've eaten many quarts of fruits that were canned in preparation for the exhibits. Our home extension club has had booths at the fair and I've always been involved in putting those up.

XX: Um, with your leadership in 4H and the fair board and this sort of thing, um, did you have time to display things even if you would've thought you could have?

GI: Well, possibly I could have but uh, I got out of the habit of thinking along those lines. I was more concerned that the youngsters get their training _____ () ()

XX: What suggestions would you give a young woman to best prepare her for farm life or life in a small town?

GI: Well, oh, hello. (Grace's husband, Gerald has entered)

GI: Hello.

GI: This is..

XX: Go ahead.

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GI: This is Mrs. Herman. My husband Gerald.

Gerald Ingle speaks but the recording is too faint.

XX: Yes. We're taping your wife's history here.

GI: I thought maybe we were gonna have to have the lawn mower turned off but it didn't seem to come in too much.

GI: [Unintelligible]

GI: (laughter) I was afraid you would. We listened to it come back and it didn't come through so I thought maybe it'd be alright.

GI: [unintelligible]

XX: We'll be finished in just a minute.

GI: Well I think in order to become a farm wife you have to have lots of patience and understanding. You should have a knowledge of homemaking, which includes the usual things that go into keeping house and if you have children surely you have to have lots of compassion and patience. Those things are things that should be developed from childhood because they don't come easy and they don't come quickly.

IH: Do you think there is a big adjustment to be made, uh, if the

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uh, young woman comes from cities?

GI: For many there would be it depends again upon the backround that she has had in her home family and uh, also the, uh, what she sets into, what kind of a set up she has to go through, hardships or compromise. I think it takes lots of compassion, understanding. You can't always have your husband there at mealtime if he's off in the other side of the field or ^{ix} something breaks down it's more important that he get that fixed than it is to come in and put his feet under the table and sit down. I don't think all city girls perhaps are not able to understand that, but I think if that courtship has been of the right type that she should be prepared for that before they got married.

xH: Uh, what magazines and newspapers do you subscribe to?

GI: Oh, we take uh, United States News and World Report, he takes uh, Good Housekeeping, uh, we take McCalls and Reader's Digest, uh, Business Week, Farm Journal, Idaho Farmer, Sucessful Farmer, uh, [unintelligible], and we take two daily newspapers, Idahonian and the Lewiston Tribune.

xH: It looks very, uh, just looking around your home that uh, you take all these magazines and many more.

GI: Yes we do. More than we actually get to thoroughly digest. But maybe after we retire we'll have time to read them more

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thoroughly.

XH: What T.V. programs do you enjoy ~~the~~ most?

GI: Oh, I like the Lawrence Welk Show, I like Hee Haw and I like the educational programs. My husband likes the uh, crime mysteries because he says he can absorb himself in that and get his mind off his troubles, (laughter). I don't care for that; I usually put up magazines up in front of my face and read while they're going on. I like the musical programs. I don't watch too many movies.

XH: Uh, what are some of the most common things you and your husband discuss?

GI: Oh, mutual problems, our family and our business.

XH: Is there anything else that you would like tell about your experiences as a rural woman?

GI: We started in '35 and it's been 40 years of pleasant memories, I think. I would have missed anywhere else. It's been very rewarding I think.