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Okay, first we need to fill out a personal data record. So I need your last name and your first

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name, Sophia.

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Do you have any nicknames?

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Well, my husband calls me curly,

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curly. I can see why

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that was that's been the last 10 years. I guess since I've had been going down. Get my hair done. Okay,

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what was your maiden name? Sylvia Wayne. Wayne. Could you spell that form?

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okay, what was the date of your birth?

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I guess you don't need the zip code. No. No, Matt. It's not like there's 50

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community where did you first live in Washington?

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Um Burnett. Burnett didn't have to spell to be you are and att. That's about 30 miles east to come. You know where? Carbonate Oh is up into Rainier National Park. It's on the I guess that would be the north side. And Burnett was a coal mining town. What do you do there? Well, my father was a miner. And although he didn't work in Burnett, mines, he worked out in the woods. He had what they used to call miners consumption. He worked in the beaut copper mines. See he was an immigrant. Oh, where was he from? Finland. Oh, but his parents were born in Sweden. They're really Swedish. My name should be Johnson. And they came to Finland. Well, Finland was under the Swedish rule at that time. And it was quite a cruel rule. And so they had to change their name and they chose the main wife. And he worked in a couple of mines that came there when he was 17. Didn't know any English had three months education and then one. And that was where he went to work and where my mother and father met and Maura married

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when you first came to Washington, how did you travel to get here?

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What type of train that train? Yeah, we came from boot. What was that like? Oh, I thought it was I? I don't remember much about it. I was. Let's see. I think I was five. My sister was one. And I suppose I had a good time running up and down the aisles, you know, but I've always liked train. I like to travel on trains.

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who all were you companions on that trip? Just your family. Just my

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mother and father. I guess my father came ahead of time. I don't remember but I imagine he came first and then my mother came with with my sister me.

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Do you know anything about your grandparents there?

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I do not know much about my father's except that they you know, as I told you, they migrated from Sweden to Finland. And they had a small farm. And my grandmother lived until she was 21. I believe she had 13 children's And my mother's mother and father came from Finland and settled in Michigan and Michigan. And they came from two Widdecombe middle class. They were finish, but their home both their homes in Finland. Oh, it's not quite up in the northern but it's not the southern part. But part of the time that territory would be in Russia and part of diamond Finland. My grandmother could have been part Russian, I don't know. But her hair was blue, black and cheese. Like guys. And my grandfather came to Michigan. He was a foreman in the copper mine there, and my mother. You remember that show? TV? About the immigrants coming on the ship? Well, that's why my grandmother came with my mother and her sister Hilda there after these flowers,

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I guess. What about your your mother? Do you know what her maiden name was?

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Yes. And I can't spell it. It's thicker in Pickering. I think it's Pei K K. Er. I am Maya. That's close enough.

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Okay, do you know when she was born?

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Gosh, I don't remember. Let's see. We can come back and 61 she died? She was 7272.

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Do you know where she was born?

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It was in Finland. But my my sister has that information. I don't remember the they had an estate. And I don't remember what it was called. It's terrible. Not to know, isn't it? My sister kept all those

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records. Do you know what kind of jobs your mom had?

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She worked in as a clerk in department stores. And that's how she came to Butte. She heard that. Butte was a beaut was not wild in those days. But it was a town where the men outnumber the women by I think was three to one or something like that. And she and her friend decided that they want to come to build to seek their adventure. And she worked in one of the leading department stores and beauty at that time and Butte was my mother said interesting place you they they had their musicals and certain that sort of thing. And she loved to dance.

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And so she came to Butte to work in the department store there. And that's all well then when my father passed away, she worked at Bridges clinic in Tacoma cleaning as she was called the housekeeper. And that's when she and my stepfather ever we're married.

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What year was your mother? Marry you mom and dad.

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Do you know that? Oh, I'd see must have been 19 in town. Okay, what was your father's name? His name was Charlie. G Wayne.

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Do you know when he was born?

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Now he would be just add seven years to my mother's age. Okay. I think you can. I've heard my mother say that. He was seven years old and he was 42 when he passed away. He

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would that have been due to his working in the mines? Always? Yeah,

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you can't, you know, they call that copper miners consumption but what it was was emphysema you know, like Oh, wow. Like people that live there that work in while it's something like coal. Yeah. But copper is so very happy and they would settle in in the lungs and

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fill up the air sacs and he could draw in. Let's see. It was difficult for the lung to expanding in contract you know?

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In other words, the last the longest were not in elastic as they were. Before

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he was also born in Finland then. Yeah.

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But he was born in southern part of Finland near Helsinki. Okay,

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what was the date of his death?

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was April Fool's April the first let's see 19 had to be 27. Was that when Lindbergh flew across the island somewhere in there? No, wait a minute. 1927 is I graduated from high school and 3026. Know it had been 22. And we were living in Tacoma Dan.

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So he was a copper miner and he didn't never hold any other jobs.

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No, then no one he Yeah. Well, he worked out in that as a logger for a while. And then we they bought a little 10 acre farm between Buckley and fernet.

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Okay, how about your brothers and sisters?

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I have one sister. Her name is Sunita. And I have a half brother. Arnie. Halloween. He and a lion okay.

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Okay, your spouse's name

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June 17 1911. Place Where was he born here in orange. Oh, really? Yeah.

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So this was just been in the Leeton family a long time. Yeah.

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They came here in 19 Five. Grandmother Leighton wrote a poem they moved. They came from Nebraska. And she was born in Michigan. waiting alone, watching Michigan. And bales grandfather was born in England, but came to United States when he was just a boy. And they were married and grandmother Layton was a teacher. They were in the film. And they moved to Nebraska. I lived there for a while she taught there. And then he wanted to come west. He liked horses. He was a excellent judge of good horses and corsets. My daughter falls right into that. And they he came here and he heard about the all the, you know, the Snowden area that was income Missouri flats. So he got a job working in a meal and they homesteaded there at Missouri flags. And Bill's grandmother came with Bill's father, and James was five and she speaks she came by boat To Lyle, there were no roads you see you had to like vote. Like look, Jeff. She came by train to Portland and river are to the Dallas I

forgotten which it was anyway, she speaks of coming into Lyle and there was only one camera. And the next a her

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I think it was her brother or her sister and brother in law that's at Barlow lived in a while or near Lyle. And next morning, they helped her go up to Snowden. And she speaks in her poem about crossing the bridge there at Klickitat. And coming up over the hill, to the homestead and it was a log cabin. And the first winter they had, I think they had I don't know whether it was 10 cows and a heifer. And that was the year of the terrible storm. And they had didn't have enough pay and they lost all the cattle, except for the one heifer. They kept alive by taking the straw out of their beds. And she said that they built that cabin, they did have a floor and they had a window. But it was made of logs. And she taught that first spring and they moved to Portland during the panic of 1819 96, somewhere there. And Grandfather Leighton had to have a job. So they moved to Portland. And she said they moved 16 times in Portland because they had to rent enough for one month then they had to move. Oh no. And they had one Randall Powell that somebody they had their milk. And they it was the job of the children to pasture. That cow in vacant lots. And that's why they had the mill. Well then it came back and they moved to that bought or rented the stump place here in the Valley. And they stayed with crypsis that's why credit isn't elite and have been such good friends. And then they heard this place was for sale. And that was only this one wrench. You see there are two wrenches here this is what they call the Turner wrench and the other is the whole wrench. And they bought this in 19

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What was the panic of 1897?

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Um Well, it was times were hard. I think it was in 1980 97 or 96 I forgotten some my American history. But times were very hard and grandfather Layton had were the oxen or horses I can't remember. I think there were horses and that's why he earned his loving by moving hauling things within sources. And he was able to to beat the family but they didn't have much.

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Okay, so builds always been a farmer or rancher, rancher. rancher. Okay. Did you ever hold any other kinds of jobs?

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No. Oh, one for five years. He worked for the Forest Service. No, not for five years. It was during that big fire. The a lot from Stevenson. What's that area called? Jaco? I don't know. Well, anyway, they had a big fire there and he packed for the fire fighters. And then he worked for the cattle association for five years. He lived in what is the cabin up that we use the when they round up the cattle and he would spent the summers up there. Because then they had about 20 They had about 15 cattlemen and he had to ride around SeaTac to get over okay. So that's all he has ever done.

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When and where were you married?

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We were married in Tacoma no Paulsboro Excuse me.

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How do you spell that?

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P o ULSBO. That's north of Bremerton. Okay, and when was that? 1941 June 26. By golly, we pass mark. Wedding Anniversary

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you should yeah. That was yesterday. Yeah. Well, Happy wedding anniversary. And your children's name.

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Alright, Marian Anita. That's together. But the A is capitalized. Ma ry up delaying. Ita. Addington and Claudia. Pop Bower

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and James Wayne.

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When was Mary and Anita

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born 1942 June 29. And were her driver in her occupation? She's a house housewife. How about Claudia? Claudia was born. June 29 1946. Yeah. Isn't that amazing? in Hood River. And Jim was born 19. January 2020, Feb. 1955.

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And he was born Hood River to

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then know the dials. He was born on his grandfather's birthday.

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Now is Claudia housewife also then?

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No, she's an assistant purchasing agent at the Yakima Community College.

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And how about Jim?

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He's part time he's in with his father as a part time partner and as a repair shop.

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Okay, now let's get into some personal information. How about your own education?

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I graduated from a what do you want? Just college? Well,

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when did you you graduated from high school in

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1930 at Lincoln High School and komak. Okay. And then a colleague, a University of Puget Sound in 1935.

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You graduated in 1935? Yeah.

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And you studied there to be

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a teacher? Teacher? Yeah.

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What kinds of jobs have you held?

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Just teaching? Oh, well, I better take that back. I was made while I was going to school. Okay.

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But could you tell me a little bit about your teaching experience?

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Yeah, so I taught two years at Vaughn. That's V au GHN. For two years, I taught math. Physics, I guess history if I remember correctly. And that was at the time of depression. And I wanted to get into home economics because every other engineer was teaching. And so I heard about the job here in Glenwood, they wanted someone to teach Home Economics besides everything else. You see, we had only two teachers here in Glenwood, when you came here, yeah. Is that right? We had four teachers in the whole school to grade school teachers to high school.

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How many students were here then?

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We had 19 in high school, is that right? And I was principal and teacher and Mr. Holloway was superintendent and teacher. And I and it was amazing what those kids did. We put out a paper every week. We put out an annual every year. We had a big smoker, a big carnival. They had football, basketball, and baseball. The girls had basketball we put on to place every year. Um

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What else? Did you have time for anything besides school?

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Yes, I had time to run around. Oh, you did?

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What year was that? You came to Glenwood in

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1939. Okay, that was the beginning of World War Two. In fact, when I was boarding the ferry at longbranch to go to Olympia, they announced that Germany had invaded Belgium. Is that right?

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What other kinds of skills do you have besides being a teacher?

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Well, a housewife and I liked sewing and I do a lot of knitting and crocheting.

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Do you have any other hobbies besides your craft type?

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Well, I I took vocal when I was at Vaughan also. I took some violin and I played the piano

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How many years did you teach here in Glenwood?

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There any clubs or groups you belong to?

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I belong to the Delta Kappa Gamma. That's honorary teachers organization. By the way, how many years have you taught now? Yeah. Five. Would you be interested if I put your name in? for that? Yeah, sure would be. Because it's international. Okay. Thank you. I belong to the Women's Club. Ladies aid. Oh, and I helped. This was before I went back into teaching. I helped raise money to remodel the church. So I was active in church at that time. Let's say cowbells. What's that? Well, you'll see the cattlemen light Bell belongs to the Washington Kettlemans Association well Cabela's is accelerate the cattlemen. Okay. And I belong to the retired teachers. See what else do I guess that's about as

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a retired teachers group here in Glenwood

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Well, it's like a debt company. Look at that count.

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Yeah. What kind of awards or honors Have you received?

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All? Well, my husband and I were named the cattleman of the year. Oh, neat. Six days six.

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Oh, that's neat.

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And then I received the the Oh, the government you know, gives grants to go to to be re educated in math. You know, I went to Vermont.

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National Science Foundation. Okay, well, that's that's a hard program to get into.

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I had about six offers. I had one in Portland. I had fun at Ohio State. And Vermont, and Texas. I want to California, but they were All these are one year or two year and Vermont was four years. And you went off four years, not all four years. I went two years and the other two years where it was repetition of what I'd had, you know, like calculus hasn't changed, although, but two of the professors there at Vermont, we're rewriting textbook of modern calculus. And the second year I went back there Well, the one professor received a grant to go to teach in India. So they postponed it. And the only thing I I would have liked to have taken was the functions that we had some of that and in the modern algebra, and so I felt I was too close to retirement and it took for my family. Both girls were gone and FE was that.

University Washington left the two boys here, so I found I couldn't go back third and fourth year. You didn't have to take a tape because you could if you wanted to.

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What years without that you went back there then?

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That hasn't been a long time. Okay, um, could you tell me a little bit about how you feel about the Glenwood Valley? The kind of community it is?

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Well, yeah, I think it's a wonderful place to raise children now. I personally missed city life, because I was raised in a city. So as far as a country live here, I can take it for a while then I like to get out. Do you get out very often? Yes. Like I Yeah. Oh, I flew to California a couple times. visit relatives there, my niece and nephew and which bill won't go so I go, and I went to New York, I flew there for my niece's wedding, and that sort of thing. But as long as I can get out once a week to White Salmon, I'm fine. But I do feel that the all the silence of country life eventually gets to me. I become nervous. Because I miss traffic I miss people. And now I could never live where Marissa lives. To me that would be same as if I were in a dungeon or something like that, because I wanted to be where people are. So that part of it, but I like to clean there. The mountain is beautiful, but I hate the snow and ice. I don't blame you there. I do not like the winters. I miss the rain, the western part in the wash. I love rain. I love to hear it on the road. But as far as raising children, you couldn't find any better place. So I couldn't adapt anywhere.

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How would you compare the life of a rural woman as to that of an urban woman?

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Well, I do think the urban woman has more advantages because you have access to it to so many cultural things which real woman is deprived of. Although with the automobile now you can get to you're not that far away. You can that you're not able to get to concerts and and other things, although it did it does mean that it takes more money. But as of now living out in the country. I don't think it's any different than living in in the suburbs of a city. I think it's comparable. US they'll have to travel. That's true. And I'm so used to now we're just 35 miles away from me town. So it's it's not a hardship. But years ago, I imagined when you had to go by wagon, that was a different story. You had to you had to like that kind of like, I don't know whether I would have survived on that, but you're, I always say that rancher or farmer is rich in assets and foreign cash. But you'll never look for the essentials of life and most conference. Now I can buy anything I want in the store. I buy some fruits out of season because my children are raised I don't remember big family. But I can I can buy anything I want as far as food is concerned, we do not raise it here because my husband says your razor calf give background to raising a calf and you can buy all the food you want.

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So you've never

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I've had little gardens but not not anything big. And I never canned any vegetables. Little area but and I've always been able to buy my canned vegetables. But I did catch a lot of fruit. Because Bill's uncle lived with us for six years until he remarried and I made lots of gym. And of course during the war it was difficult to can because you were curtailed on how much sugar now one, I remember the one particular year. In those days we used to combine oats because they used to feed oats to cattle. See they used to raise stairs in those in those days they would keep the stairs for three years and they would sell them now we're in calf cow calf operation. And so they would always put in about 100 acres to votes. Well in order to come by, you'd have we had 17 men come to help. So for three days I had 17 men here for dinner and supper and when I went down to the board to get the replacement of sugar they gave me three pounds I said That's hardly enough to sweeten their Kool Aid. And I said they were sorry but that was all I was entitled to. But I had saved some sugar during the winter because I I knew that I had to had to feed these men well it took four pies at noon to cake sit separate well you didn't dare give him just a dish of fruit you had to feed these men and you know they each each rancher would help the other one and so I suppose what we did was to we were in competition who could set the better table did you do all the cooking for all those guys yourself? I bills came and helped me No It took

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two of us oh yeah that's a lot of people

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are 17 and then for hang we didn't have a Bandler them we had they put up blue say and I would have Oh during the summertime I'll between seven eight men at noon for noon and supper. So

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can you remember how you spent time with your parents? What kind of a relationship you had with them?

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Well, yes, we had our favorite time was during a mealtime you know we we talk about what took place course. In those days you know, the father in law other dead most of the discussing children didn't take over. But we would tell them what we did in school because my father having had only three months of education

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to him, education was important. So he would ask, but we didn't school. We had no TV, no radio, we don't know. phonogram. So we play cards mean learn to play whist when we were very young, and one of the enjoyable things I remember was the companionship of friends and relatives and neighbors. There was a great deal of visiting back and forth. And I can remember, this is true of the Finnish people that if you visited in one in three homes during the afternoon, you were always served coffee, and something to eat. Never just playing copy or playing team as always, or maybe be freshly baked cake

or cookies or finish sweetbreads. And then they would visit and I remember we children but oh, we play ball, we play hopscotch. And we had our games. And it was enjoyable. We didn't have to have a tube to listen to. But we had we had a lot of visiting all and then certain times in the year they would have the Finnish people were a great 10 to dance, they love dancing. And they would have a dance and at midnight they would have a buffet type table. And there was every type of food that you could imagine from hot dishes do salads to cakes and pies and cookies. And then when we children would be targeted sleep on the benches and they dancer tilted daylight and in one command or at their back later they had they put on plays, finish plays, and cards. The finish language was spoken among. And I can remember when I was in the first grade, I got a spanking from the teacher. I was where I wasn't supposed to be. And because I was spanked I was very sensitive anyway. I began to cry in Spanish. But I can't speak it anymore. It's now just shame. I just been away from it so long. I can understand it when it's spoken. Although the Finnish girl that came to Goldendale when she spoke to me, I could not understand because I think what my parents my mother and stepfather spoke Finnish. And when they did it had become Americanized. And so that might be in course my mother has been gone since 61. I hadn't heard a chance to speak it. It's too bad. Yeah. I married an Englishman.

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So you don't need to speak the English anyway.

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How is decision making made in your mom and dad's marriage?

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Oh, my father was the hand of the family. And so when he passed away, my mother was really thrown into my house. She just didn't know how she was going to cope. Because he had always made the decisions. And she had to all of a sudden she's left with two children during the living and and Copas problems in the world and

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To my grandmother's to stay, and then she remarried, because she thought she could not take care of the problems. But after she remarried when she and my stepfather with remarried, well, they were both bosses. But then in the meantime, she had worked juicy, but not having worked in after she was married. Well, it made a difference. You know, women in those days were very dependent upon their husbands.

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Do you think they discussed things? Or did he just make the decisions? And she had to go along with it?

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Oh, I think don't discuss I can remember them talking? Oh, yes. They it wasn't any different than they had their problems and talk them over in solid. But there were some areas, children were abandoned the day you were told to go to your room or go outside and play and then they would talk, I suppose about personal things. But I'm very happy. I had a very happy childhood, except I was very fond of my

father. And I lost him when I was 12. so dramatic. But I think that in those days, and I think in rural areas, you have there is a better relationship between parents and children. And they are in the in the cities because of the fact that most of your rural women are home. Although I worked, but then my work was 12 months. That's true. I had the three months off and, and my hours weren't that long. That is I was in school until five o'clock, not day after day. But what I mean is that I didn't have to leave home until quarter, eight o'clock. And then I was home by 530. Because I was only a mile away, you see, and you have to travel great distances.

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Who are your childhood companions? Who did you play with when you were young? Like in elementary school?

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Oh, mostly girls. I had. I had one particular friend and she was Finnish. We were living on the farm then. And she lived on the farm or shirtwaist away. Her father had a better farm then we did. We played house. There were some other girls. We were about we played with dolls much longer than girls do now. And we played house when we played baseball and hopscotch been played with marbles. You know? I think that that on the whole children then had to invent their pastime tomorrow than they do now. Now they sit in front of a TV and we went out and made our major pastimes. I can remember going taking my dolls and dishes and we take some rocks and we'd make a house this is bedroom here's our living room. Here's the kitchen and and we would mix mud and we'd make cakes and put them out in the sun to dry and and frost them and we were really playing house. We had our dolls. Oh, I can remember my sister and I are using our cats as dolls and we dress them in dolls clothes and put them in the buggies. You know? And I don't see Yeah. Children doing that sort of thing. That's true. They're growing up too fast. And I told my granddaughter about well she's dressing her gap now. And they're not. We didn't demand attention from our parents that you got to come and play with. With me. Well, mothers didn't have time. They wash clothes on the board, it took all day to wash and took all day to iron. They had satellite irons, and they had to cook three meals a day. And not from opening cans and boxes, you see. So therefore, I couldn't go to my mother and say, Well, now you got to entertain me, like, children do this day and age. Why? I think I would have been spanked if I had demanded death. We had our own playmates. And we had, we had toys. We had Christmas and we had dolls, but we took care of them. I can remember having a local sewing machine and having a little waffle iron. I used to make waffles on stone. Yes, and things like that, you know? But now this little sewing machine was a singer My mother bought for \$1 and we didn't have to have the expensive toys a day or down now.

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How about when you were a teenager? How did your play time change then?

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Well, shall I tell you I still had was making doll clothes at 16 Sure. Well, my I was living in Tacoma then. My mother was had great Mary juicy she was I had a stepfather and the girl next door and and I used to be were sophomores. We take out our script some material and dress her nose. And, but that didn't last all year. Then we were busy. You see, we had by the time we had graduated from what they call Middle

School, we called it Intermediate School. And, and and we were in our first year in high school. While then I joined the Glee Club. And I I was named on the L buck as a writer. And I belong to the girl reserves and Girl Scouts. And now, I turned out for some of the sports to swimming and tennis. And basketball. I think we're the ones. And then we had our own social group that lived around where I lived. And we'd have our parties. We'd make fudge and candy and on taffy and we'd celebrate each other's birthdays. But we didn't have like her. We didn't have drugs when they were drugs in school. We knew that you Sarah Oh, yes. Yes. Divert the drug pushers you take them outside they they weren't right in the school, but outside across the street, even in the Intermediate School. But as long as we were not curious and then go over there. We were not bothered. They knew who to approach. And it's like Jim said when he was in Yakima, he said that he wasn't harassed. Once I'll have said Oh, you'll smoke marijuana before you leave the gym setting in target. He said Well, we'll see. And he said long as you were not curious and wanted to be where they were and act like you wanted to try it. Well, they like jello because I didn't want to become juicy. And so he said he had no problems that way and made it nice What do I remember in my English class when girl the beginning of the year I thought acted kind of peculiar and she was drunk. And I helped her to the restroom. And the teacher why not? I wanted something to give to her. And I said, No, ma'am, just that I left her alone. And we left her in the restroom. But they were in the minority. And we weren't. Somehow rather we didn't have that peer pressure that they feel they have no. Which I think if they would be independent. And in those days went in him money to dress like everybody else, you dressed what you had. And oh, I suppose we got the dog hairstyle. And now, if I remember correctly, I happen to have wavy hair. And I didn't, well, I didn't have money to buy Lommy pens. And I didn't cry the blues because I didn't you make with what you had. That's true. And that's true in the country, as well as in the city. And I think this day and age. Young people are to their they want to put on the parents, in other words, being like, keep up with the Joneses, I tell ya, if Susie does such and such well, and Scott to do that, and I say that's a bunch of baloney the individual me, you're an individual and do some men.

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True? What about dating? Did you date or?

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When we were in high school, we didn't. We didn't date we were together boys and girls. As I said, we had our our group. Oh, we had our crushes. That's true. But then again, you see in those days there you had the pressure, you had the. In other words, if you went off alone, immediately, you were typed as being a little fast, you'd see. And it was sort of a Victorian type of atmosphere. And there were the girls who were what we call fast that they went was anybody and everybody and suddenly dropped out of school because they were pregnant. But they were again, we're just a minority. But I remember in, in our group, I think there were equal amount of girls and, and boys, I think we had about 25 or 30 in the group that we had parties with. And oh, wow, I imagined I think we played post office but it was innocent type. And and it was a healthy type of relationship. They didn't we didn't feel that we had to live a lifetime before we were out of high school. And as far as sex and so forth. We were all curious and but I happened to be taking science. My real ambition was really to be a doctor. Oh, really? Uh huh. When I was in high school, I had I would send the biology class and my biology teacher and had had pre medics had been a pre med student. And I idolized her and she talked to me and told me it. She said, Yeah, you can make it get through college first. Well, unfortunately, the depression came.

And that's there. But I did start in at UPS with with the pre med course. But then I had to switch over to mathematics. Because my stepfather was laid off my mother. My mother worked for \$35 a month at Bridges clinic in Midtown to take care of the family. So I was totally dependent on myself to put myself out of school and you I worked in as a main in the family. And that's how I earned my tuition. I walked to school, and very few clothes, two skirts, and six blouses and six years. So it took me six years to go through. I was supposed to graduate in 34. But I couldn't take complete 15 hours every semester because I had worked. So I wish young people this day and age didn't feel that they had to experience a sex and so on before they were ready for it. i It's, as I as I say, it's not that big deal. And I think that I don't believe in talking behind doors, I was very open with my children about it. They lived on the farm, they saw animals, meeting and so on. It's all been very natural. And I believe in in keeping it natural. As I told my children, I said, it's one of the finest experiences in married life. It has to be natural. And, and consequently, I don't approve of the way it was handled years ago. But I think there's the pill this day and age just made it too convenient. I agree. Even the shows and everything else. And it's to me that's degrading. Totally agree. And I think it's a personal thing between a man and a woman and it should be kept that way. And I think there'd be less divorces. But

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it isn't something that you're, you're going to be experiencing it with every time they can carry through. And which much of the day has been in this day and age. I guess I'm really well fashion.

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Oh, no, if you are a fashion and so minds. Oh, yeah. That I agree with what you're saying wholeheartedly. The group that you hung around with in high school, was that a homogeneous group? Were you all Finnish? Or?

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No, we were different nationalities? Different backgrounds, even different economic backgrounds. Is that right? Yeah. And I don't think there was another punish child by a girl in that group of ours, that were Germans over English. In fact, my best friend was English.

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And they're Irish. But they were, ah, most of them from Blue class. Working people. I believe one of the boys and one of the girls to father was owned a store grocery stores, but not well to do. My brother went to stadium. And he he was in with all groups that were from the well to do. And lawyers children, in fact, became very near marrying a judge's daughter and the grandmother garb that really sent the girl to Europe. They were ready to announce their engagement. Oh, that's a shame.

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What kind of responsibilities did you have at home?

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Yes, I had to do dish. We had no dishwasher you know. And I had to help hang up clothes which I detested and had to help wash when I know the words different household jars, and carrion wood and gold. See we didn't have oil or like turkey.

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So the wood heater call it dinner or a combination

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combination. I think they started out with petite what he was what we always have, and it was lighter. My folks burn coal. It's warmer. I think yeah, I think it went further to Yeah, if I remember correctly, I think my mother said

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so you only have one brother. So with, did he have chores that were completely different from yours being a girl? Where were you treated about this?

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Well about the time he was born when I was in junior high. And by the time he was in high school, I was at Butler's working. Yes, he had, he had to carry what am but he spoiled. My mother spoiled. And my sister was gone to my sister is three years younger than I am. And so by the time he was in high school, she was gone too. But and so therefore he had the word or the gold again. But he didn't have done housework.

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Because that was the female role. Yeah.

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Let's see. When you were a young adult, what did you expect about your future? What did you sort of see yourself doing for the rest of

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your life? Well, when I graduated from college, I was going to devote my whole life to teaching. And I had decided I wasn't going to get married. Right, like you're changing all the time you meet somebody. And when I was at Vaughn, I met a young fellow and we were going to be married. Well, as I said, the depression was at that time, so we had to wait. And I came to Glenn went, Well, you know, they say absence makes the heart grow fonder. Well, that's a bunch of roaming distance and being away can ruin a relationship? I agree. So then, we broke up and I met Bill and then I began to think about family I wonder family, but you see, it's young people seem to think, Oh, I'll never do this. I'll never go there. Or I'll never go to school. Well, never has a long time. And I've eliminated the word never from my vocabulary now when I say I'll never do that or Oh, never speak to him. Because

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human nature is not such huge change. So Mac mail the first year I was here and well, it was in January and from then on I got thinking about I was leading him to the altar. Unbeknownst to him,

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No, he didn't know

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you know, that's the female role is how to delete into the altar. Oh, devious ways. Man, it's so enticing that he couldn't resist my elder they.

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They think they're doing the pursuing but they're so wrong. Oh, that's true. Oh, yes. Female, you know, is the well, don't be called Women caddy. Yeah. Okay. We earned the name. Just wait.

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What did you expect marriage to be like? I mean, did it? Was it like you had expected it to be or was it really different or

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already? Yes, it it proved to be different. course when you get married, you're have stars in your eyes and you're up on Cloud three, which you can't be there very, very long because you have to become realistic. Oh, we had our usual problems. And and the problems were always economic. Always. Yeah. Oh, wait. Because of the fact that we were at a I was at a disadvantage you might say I Um, Bill spent his life here on the ranch. His grandfather had passed on. His grandmother was alive. And Bill and his uncle lived with a grandmother at the old house. It used to be down here. Well, he had a his uncle and grandfather got him started in cattle and I think when we got we were married. He may have had six or seven cows I don't remember. But then again, I if I'm honest, I wasn't extravagant then we we had plenty to eat, but I budgeted? Yes, I couldn't go to town and and buy clothes whenever I wanna die. I did a lot of something. But when my when Marin Anita was born, I went to the hospital and I was there 10 days course. You're the doctor bills in those days. I think it cost \$500 strep. marinara delivered 75 For cloudian. It was 500 for Jim. Oh my god. Same but I was 42 when Jim was born. And I was 30 when ammonia was born, but then that's how you're seeing that's inflation. So all the problems we had were not that I was overspending our he was overspending, it was more that? Why don't you ask your uncle for a little bit more. It's a it was it was if you need money, you get it. At when they sold cattle? Well, let me go back when Gemini Bill and I were first married, we lived over where Boers were. And it was less than a year and a half his grandmother passed away. And Uncle Frank came over there. And he said, I want bill to go into partnership with me. And he said, would you encourage him? So I said, Well, I'll try my best, but he'll have to make up his own mind. So I talked to Bill and I told him what his uncle wanted. And his uncle said, I've got to have somebody keep house for me. And he said, It's logical for you and bill to come and live with me down at the old house. And which we did. And so when if a group of stairs were sold, the money was divided until his uncle got married, somehow, rather than the check wasn't to hide it because Uncle Frank's wife was no more extravagant. She had two children to begin with. And they moved this house here and lived here. And it seemed to me that they were spending more than what we were sorry, it wasn't really equal. And that's when we had a few problems. But nothing serious. It was just I said I want to think there have more than then we have and and Bill was say all he was so he talked so much of his uncle. I couldn't imagine him depriving him, but I knew. And about Bill startup had his hand in the sand until his uncle passed away.

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And in the womb, his uncle had willed bill the 60 acres we had bought. And, and it was because his uncle didn't get around to get the deeds made out.

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And the state said, Well, you'll have to pay inheritance tax on that. And they said you had to pay \$1,000 for those 60 acres. And Bill said Yeah, I think it was maybe it was more than that. Maybe 700 to 7000 I forgot And anyway he had told the state Okay, no, it was \$1,000 that was it and build. I paid 7000 for the 60 acres, and he said, That's fine. I'll pay the \$1,000 but you pay me 1000 Well, in the meantime, I had told him to get a lawyer and they got that all straightened out. But a tip build between a below the belt, because he placed so much faith. But there again, you say, in laws? Oh, yeah. And, but that's the type of arguments we had. But to to say that a married couple won't ever have arguments. That's a bunch of baloney. If two people never argue there's something wrong with their relationship, because you need that.

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Maybe they don't speak.

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Well, they're not communicating. That's true. I have always said, marriages need a good battle. Just as the land needs a good thunderstorm. It clears the air.

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That's a good philosophy to remember.

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And I think too, as long as you don't get the throwing guard or getting out guns using words and battling back and forth. I don't see anything wrong with it.

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How did you meet Bill?

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Well, I met Bill. The Women's Club had a dance and a Marielle Crips somehow rather Well, hi. Okay. Yeah, so you don't need to go in. She had asked if I would help at the dance, which I did. I was teaching here. Well, when I get up here, when the dance started well Billington came in and Ollie crypts had bill until, and he brought him over where Marielle and I was selling coffee at the counter. And I thought, they all said I asked her, my old man, but he says I asked your old man, that's to Marielle something or other to go Samira or something. And I thought all it was Bill's dad, until that was straightened out for me. Well, anyway, I met him at that dance. And he talked to us a little while and then went off and I thought, gee, Archer impressed him. Well, then he got the flu. And the cattlemen put on a big dance here. They used to be a dance hall. I think it's where the restaurant is now. And I went with friends with the man and the woman who owned the house where Debbie Trevino lives, and we went to, we went to the Nan's, but Bill was not there. And he had the flu for a month. Then. We had a little dance up at the schoolhouse, and he came to that, and I had come with another fellow. And Bill

asked if he could take me home. And I was kind of impressed with him. And so I went home with him. The other fella wasn't very happy. But anyway, from then on, we went together.

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Did you go out on dates or? Yeah,

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we used to. They used to have a lot of dances. You know, what is the logs now? Yeah, well, they used to have a dance hall there was in in a circle. And Bellinis take me down there. He had a friend that he has to trim around with and the three of us would go and then on Sundays, I would go down to his mother's

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and we'd have Sunday supper there. And he would come down and one time we went to Portland I don't think we ever went to a show.

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Bill's not much to was never too interested in movies. I saw my first rodeo here in Glenwood Oh, and I it was hearing Vinewood I saw my first cowboys. And I thought there was a movie on location. And they were local cattlemen had been up to Cochem. And two of them had come down to the store to get something they hitched their horses there at the Glenwood market. And I got excited and dash to school and, and asked some of the kids in fact, it was Betty Hetrick, I asked, she was one of my students what movie was here? And they couldn't understand what I was talking about. So I described the men and all they left they said, well, they were the local cattlemen. So they were the first cowboys I'd ever seen. Because you grew up in a city in that city. And of course, you know, man have cattle in Dakota, you know, and didn't have rodeos in those days there. And so I saw my first rodeo here in 1940.

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How'd you like it?

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I didn't come I didn't. I don't I do not like horses. I'm afraid them. I tried writing. C I'd never written and Bill had an old mare. She was so wide. And I got up on her. And when she was going down, I was going up and when she was going and Oh, I couldn't walk when I got offered. Nice. And that was it. And my family all right there. All right, writers write that. And in fact, when the children were growing up, and in those days they drove the cattle to Klickitat they'd start from here about oh, just daylight and dry the cattle was the way to Klickitat all the way down to Klickitat down that Klickitat grade going up, you know, up the hill here. And then when they were gathered the cattle, six weeks later they would bring the cow we have we own Marielle and Bill and Ollie Ozma. Hakuna allzu all about it's just a little less than two acres up what they call Snyder hill there. And it's a pretty long place. There's it's all fenced because it's used as a corral. And there's a cute little creek goes right by this little stream. It's not even a Greek live stream. And they had an old stove there and they had built a table with a bench on either side of it and they used to camp there. When they bring the candle up oh my job was to take the picnic

dinner. I always said fried chicken potato salad and gelatin salad and cake and pie and lemonade and coffee and baked beans and potato chips and I bring a tablecloth and put it on the table and then they would sit down and eat the new meal while the cattle bar resting and grazing in this enclosure. And they call it mothering the cows calves get with the right cows and then the men would after they got through eating they would smoke and talk and take a nap and then by that time the cattle were ready to go on and then they might be taken halfway and may still leave him there what they call the old Dunker Church, close to Liberty Bond and leaving there late in the evening, and I would come along with the car and they load up the horses and come home and get up to 30 The next morning at daylight go and bring them rest of the way A home here where they would vaccinate the calves mark the calves and then take them on up here. Well, they don't do that anymore. Now they're all trucked. But that was a job. By the time Oh, Mary Anita and cloudian. Jim. Follow them learn to ride when they were four and five years old.

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To help them with that.

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Yeah. And then car service Uncle Frank. Well, then when he married well, his two stepchildren Sylvan and Phillip, and then they had failed and, and Frank No, Frank was called Calvin. And I can still see Frank. He had a little pony called it was spot upon the gold Sturme and here was crying. He was never fast. But Frank would trail along with his on his pony went is stick. Frank was about like my cat potty. You poke along. But it was a good life. It was hard. Nightmare News said they'd be half asleep and they had to get up but they were on horses. And I and not being able to ride I could not tell if I had been had learned to ride a horse. I could have taken part. But then somebody I'd do the cooking. So I guess that was me. So you probably enjoyed that more. Any Oh, yeah. Yeah, I I'm, I'm not fond of horses.

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Oh, could you describe your wedding for me? Oh.

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I was going to be married in the chapel at my college. In fact, I had to ask the President if he would perform the services. And he very graciously consented. Well, in the meantime, Bill's mother became quite ill. And she was under the doctor's care for a week. So I had to write to Dr. Todd and told him that their circumstances, and I would not be able to come and be married in the chapel, that we've been married here somewhere.

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Well, then, my folks wrote and said to come there. So they'll sit Okay, that'd be fine. So we did. We went to Tacoma

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and got our license at the courthouse. And my sister had told my folks to bring us and she said, there's a Lutheran church here and they can be married and they in the minister's home, so she made the arrangements and we drove to Poulsbo, and that's where we were married. I can all I remember is that

horrible green carpet. But it was a very impromptu my mother and stepfather and my sister were the witnesses are the only ones there. And then we left there and came departments but couple lists.

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How long have you known Bill then before you got married?

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I met him in the winter 41 for 1940. And we were married June of 41. So it was over a year, year and a half.

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Before you had any of your children. Were you working then or? No?

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Well, I started to do that for a month or until they say the teacher who was to take my place was killed in a car accident. And so then they had to find a replacement. And in order to do that they were not able to at the time school started so I substituted for a month and that was all the way work I did.

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What do you do at home then? What would what? What was like your daily routine like?

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Well, the first year I was married, we had no electricity. We lived over there were bars where you see electricity was brought into the valley in the summer of 41. And although I guess it was bpnl lines went through the valley, but the people here what not concerned to be hooked up because of the cost. And so then that pod route the electricity in here. And of course, in the meantime, you know, Bonneville Dam and Coulee Dam were built. And there was Northwestern dam. So they were able to furnish the power for Glenwood. So power has not been here too long. The school when I first came here, had batteries, that's how they had their had their lights. I lived in one of the little cabins up there where the Tavern is and they had I don't know they still have the small little Yeah, two rooms. And it was furnished. And I paid was it \$5 A month? No running water, you know, but that did have lights. But they had a Delco plant Well, Delco plant is I think it was powered with diesel and it produced electricity, you know, you can have your own your own power by having a diesel generator that generates power, you know, you can do that by taking going up in the mountains with the trailer, you know, and having a what they call Delco plant.

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So you had electricity in your cabin. Yeah, but no,

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no, there was a shed there, the tabs. The toilets and showers for men and women both

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separate or they were the same one was the same one.

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Well, they were separate the same building. And I can remember Audrey and live next door to me. That's how they came. And that's when they first came. They lived in a cabin next to me and we'd run out in this with two feet of snow you know to take showers Oh dear. Oh, yes. Hot. Well, yeah. It wasn't cold water. And toilets, whether that's, you know, was like an outdoor toilet. And I suppose you might say, Well, anyway, where I lived, no bathroom was an outdoor toilet. And the water was a pump outside. You had a bump. And I had to heat my water all my water on the cookstove and I had a three gallon bucket. Then I was kept on stone. That's how I had my hot water. You see? Well, the first winter that I lived over there

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was that cookstove wood?

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Yeah, yeah, when I speak of cook stove, that's what let's see. That was a second year. That was after Mary Anita was born. Grandmother Layton, Brazil. She had her stroke and marrying us born in June. And that winter, the temperature dropped to 45 below zero here and that house cracked and pop have pumped like a gun. And I told Bill I said I'm gonna stay up and keep and we had a wood heater, plus a wood stove cookstove and I said I'm going to shut up the kitchen. There was a door between the dining room and the kitchen. The kitchen retainer dining room there in the living I'm here and the bedroom here. And I said, I'm going to pull Marian near this crib. Got she was bald head. And I couldn't get through the doorway without taking a part. But I got the part with her head. So it was facing into the, toward the living room. I kept that fire going. And I sat behind the stove. And I could see my breath. I'm brown in the dog. I thought he would freeze up there. Great. Big Black Wolf. Hey, your dogs get back in. mainline me as well. Oh, that's that lady up there. I guess. Lady. Get back there. What's going on? While we're talking? Hi. When are you gonna? Bear? Would you like? Oh, no, no, good lord, six. Anyway. Yes, you're talking. You got the door. Yeah, around the other way. And the next morning, when I woke up, I could find every crack and had that much ice and water bucket was frozen solid.

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Is that right? The one that you kept on the stone?

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Of course, you know, hot water will freeze quicker in cold water. Nice to know that it should empty that way. Anyway, I had a nice bulge. I washed down the board. And let's see what else we had kerosene lamps, and it was a job to keep those chimneys clean.

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What was your job? I suppose? Oh, yes.

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And I found out from Bill's mother that you use newspaper to clean your chimneys. And that will make them shine. And it was my job to fill them every. Every every day. And during that time that year that we

were married Anita was the baby. I decided I was going to give a pinnacle party. That's the type of entertainment we had when we were first married. Each of the families would put on a party during the wintertime and we either make the prizes or get some kind of prize and then we'd serve a midnight lunch and wait to have as many as eight or nine tables. Is that right? And so I this was my first party. So here I had my slips I learned that at Mrs. Butler. It's when you put on a party you don't do not use just your memory, you must have your slip so I had slipped all over the house. Well, when Bill and I were married, we bought \$50 worth of furniture.

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that included a bed and a mat does brand new mattress and brand new spring a dresser, a dining room table which I sold for \$35 to Kathleen, autonomous 35 years later. So actually our furniture cost us \$15 kitchen table with four chairs, a little desk, two rocking chairs. That was it.

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Sure to invite for that

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No. That's pretty stern house. Well anyway, I found that I needed some extra chairs while I couldn't go out and buy a new folding chairs. So I took apple box and by Hand Made cushions for him and made all our made all my prices and wrap them in paper I had wrapping paper that is you know, like birthday paper and so on. And I don't remember what I started but I know they were sandwiches and salads and cakes incomplete and we had a marvelous time. Now we don't do that anymore. Why? We're too busy listening to think your wishes and don't want to give us parties anymore. They don't get I learned to play Pinnacle when I came here. And we had a marvelous time they used to have Pinnacle parties at The Grange that's how they make the money where you could get people to come in tomorrow. All right, that we've got the cars you go to.

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So you think there was a lot more socializing men? Oh,

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absolutely. Well, I am safe to saying that we had between all more than 10 parties so here but it was during the winter you know, when all you had to do was defeat the kettle and you didn't have the funding to do during the summer we didn't have marvelous times and we used to love to go over to Mary else because she had she had the nice house

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it was there were there were more cattle. cattlemen, there was the Lyles and there was the I was Magoo knows ins in the crevices and so on and and then the cattlemen Glenwood cattle Association but but a dinner and ever so often appearance they have run the woman who and the man who ran that they served meals. And I remember the first time I went to was shortly after I was married. And the

placecards were by using the brand. So it was Mr. Brand, or Mrs. Brand. Well, I wasn't acquainted with our brand yet. All I Kreps laughed and I was looking for my place and he said come on now he says you've got to learn for once and for all what your brand is. And he showed me what it was. So there was Mrs. quarter circle okay. So now you know what I learned what the friend was.

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What did you find that embarrassing when you didn't know what it

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was? No, no, no. Because I'd never been around were cattle ranch was it was all so new. You know, I think nowadays kids are more they become more embarrassed. They're more self conscious than when when I was growing we we took all this in stride. If we didn't have a new dress to go to the dance. We weren't embarrassed by it. You still went to the danger was the length of stay home lifestyle a lot of kids now prefer to stay home. That's right. And I think that's falling to a white cut off your face to spite your your nose to spite your face. Right.

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Wow, this is really interesting.

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When you were having your children you said you went you went to the hospital and stuff. Did you go to town? To see the doctor? Oh, yeah.

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Monthly? Yeah, I guess I had the prenatal care. And garsik was say he was a general practitioner may Hood River and might Sam do not attend a specialist you see, but then he was a good doctor. He later went to Portland and specialized in internal medicine. But I had him for both Meridian and cloudian. And Dr. Hardwick left before Claudio was born. So I had Dr. Louis and Miss Jim I had Dr. Mills now he is a specialist and Dr. Mills still, Jim went to him. Oh gosh, I think he was in college. He had a bout of sore throat when he came home and I said Well, you better go to the doctor and and Dr. Hinkle was day off I guess and he saw he went on to the dowels. And they scheduled him with Dr. Mills. Dr. Mills says I've been following you. He says I read the Glenwood news whenever I can. That's me. A few of the babies here in Glenwood. In fact I think Maryland Stein bars are in Maryland Scots German. I think she went to him. I know that her sister did. So there are quite a few of quite a few of Germans and been delivered by Dr. Mills. So it wasn't any different than it is now. Mary nidos Well, I was born in might salmon she had. Dr. Hogberg. Just as I, you know, as I had with her on Al, I went to Hood River.

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What factors do you think affected the number of children you had? Did you want more or

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I wanted Yeah.

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Of course, I was 30 when very needed was born. Well, the more I had something to do before we had any more, because we didn't know whether bill would be going off to going off. But each time, his card would come up all left. I go now, they said no, you're you're a central to the war effort. Because the ranch, yeah, the ranch and it's uncle had to happen there. So he didn't. He wasn't taken. But nevertheless, we waited, we waited four years. And Claudia was born. The end of day 146. Then before I went back to teaching, we tried again, but I had the misfortune of having a miscarriage. And so then we sort of gave up. Jim was after that.

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Where did you get your knowledge about having children and how to raise them? Was that from your mother? Yeah, my

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mother that she would. And then I took a lot of science, I had my biology. And I didn't learn it from other people. I read I got information from school from the library. Although it wasn't as unique get as much as you do now. But my mother talked

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about raising your children. Do you think you raised your children more or less like you were raised?

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No, I think I was looking more liberal, although discipline wise. I suppose my teaching came in there. i You see, when I was working at Butler, so I had to babysit and they had a conflict there. Mrs. Butler didn't believe and spankings Mr. Butler did and the boys they had just the one child and I saw what it did to that child. It made it difficult for me I was not to strike him or hate him. And yet he would take advantage of the fact that I couldn't. I remember one time he took his piece of watermelon and open the door and threw it against the wall in the hall. And I had been told that if I can't handle when I'm to do that I am to pay for what damage is done. And fortunately, the paper was washable. So he helped me clean and it frightened him to voluntarily did he Yeah. And yet, the last three years, I was there. I had an easier time as folks had the problems with him. But he and I got along fine. And when I left, he cried and he was 14

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That's really amazing. So I didn't believe and it picking up taking things off the coffee table and putting them up. Either one of them either three they may if they tried to pick things that they weren't, I slapped her hands

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did you and Bill then more or less together? Yeah. Decide you know on discipline and things like them the

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families Yeah, we agree. No, no. So you Oh, except one time. He tried it was kind of cute when Claudia went by with her in our Walker. We used to have the walkers and they were made of wood. She had a bottle and she went on the coffee table. Not quite prepared always said she was having fun

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Do you think the role is of children is changed nowadays? Since when you had yours? That you know in other words, your parents do like your children treat your grandchildren differently than you treated them.

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In some sense, I think that I think my two grandson and granddaughter I think they're a little mouthy. When I speak a mildly I think they talk too much. You know, sound silence is golden. They have a tendency to interrupt when not so much Bill is Bernadine. She, she knew well her father is is curving her when he's trying to visit and she's trying to interrupt he sends her to the rooms. So I think it's about saying much. I think with I think it depends on the on the parents on the people, some people well, when, when mine were growing up, and Mrs. Lofgren, a friend of mine, when she was raising girls, she did not believe in in spanking, or she told me I ruined my children both flapping their hands, they were nuk. They couldn't express themselves. They express themselves just fine. In other words, they were not creative. While I couldn't see where slapping hands would make them, not creative, if they were going to be artistic. They'd be artistic, whether you slept her hands or not. But that wasn't her philosophy. She thought that you should

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let a child discover himself, you must not. You must not do things to discourage him. And consequently, I saw many times when she had to

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hold her son in her lap, just literally holding him to keep him from knocking things over or throwing things around in someone's home. And when I took my children, they were to understand that they were to leave things alone. They had their toy with them, and they were to play with it. But we're not to touch anything and the home that we were visiting. Maybe I'm wrong on that. I don't know. I agree. That i i had i have seen children come in my home and I've held my breath. Wondering if my son's gonna be still standing. Well, in fact, my my sister was very lenient with hers and when she would come that was with her second boy and her daughter. She said, Well, now we better put this up and we better put that up. But by the time she got through putting things up, I don't have anything around. So but that's different. So I guess, and they all grew up and they're all been

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How did you feel when your children first began to leave home? Did it change your life? Oh,

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yes. Yes, it did. It became it was an adjustment that that I had to make. Just as I had to make when the first one was born. That was like a little stranger coming in the home and demanding attention body

Have some divers and what have you, then suddenly they're gone. And the table is empty. There's just Father in me. And our occupation is letting the two cats in or letting him out. So, it Yes, I should meant to get to you. But you can't hold them back. That's not fair. And I stopped to think of the when I left, that I saw my mother and stepfather just a few times, maybe once or twice a year. Now I have a daughter who lives in so I see once or maybe four or five times a year. And it suddenly strikes home, just like they went. Yes. I, I think they speak up growing old gracefully. No. It's it's quite a traumatic experience. It's lonely. And as long as you have your husband, Are you happier why that takes up. But you know, there's there's a trend now to think of the older people. And the older people that are being abused. It is just all child abuse. That's true. It's parent abuse. And I don't, it doesn't necessarily have to be abuse, physical abuse, but emotional abuse. In other words, how often do you call or write? So you remember on your mother, I do

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we, I probably talk to my mom every Oh, at least once every two weeks, but I usually talk to her at least once my Alaska

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cars when when you marry? Well, then there has to be an understanding how much you're going to spend. You can't say okay, I'm just going to talk to my mother and heck with yours, see, then it becomes a problem of her priorities. What do you do for recreation now then? Well, I have I don't have any sports. So I do know. My hobbies is reading. I read a great deal. I have books in every room. In fact, I have a pile of books by my bed. I'm reading three or four of them at a time. What kind of books I read fiction and nonfiction and I take Oh, how many magazines? Well, I have National Geographic I had the US News begin every week and I get the Reader's Digest. McCall's Ladies Home Journal. Better Homes and garden. Center. Flowers and garden. Red Book. The work best good farmer farm journal, Washington farmer. The Yankee Magazine. Guess that's it. That's quite a few to read. And then I watched some TV but special programs. But I'm crocheting or knitting. When I'm watching right on

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that's my attitude.

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And I go with Bill. Wherever funny has to go down I go with him. He goes to sales at the the dowels and I go along and I take my knitting. Reading alone. We'd like to go away we go over to Hood River and very often. We average about once a week. We like to go there to have a nice dinner. I like to travel but bill doesn't care for it. So I go with my sister. We are planning to go to Hawaii this winter if everything works out all right. So she told me to save my shekels. And so I said okay that's it. Like you too busy. I could do more in the house. work when I'm dead and gone. I used to Be very particular. And when I was working I got my work done I'm sorry to say I'm not that good. No. I'm not a slave to my house. Now my daughter Claudia, she's immaculate, beautiful housekeeper. And as I said, I used to I used to do my washing on Mondays and ironing on Tuesdays and mending on Wednesdays, Thursdays. Baking and Friday I clean upstairs and Saturday downstairs. Sunday I watched two men take naps but I don't do that anymore. You take naps to take naps now to

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you know when you were talking about living over here when you first had Claudia via Mary need it okay, and you didn't have electricity and stuff. You had to wash out your diapers on the blog?

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Yes, and I boil in those days now they don't do that anymore. But I boiled all her diapers and her bottles had to be boiled on the stove, or the woodstove on the wood stove and I boiled her diapers. Because her skin was very tender, sensitive and it was to keep her from getting diaper rash. In fact was all three of my boys are divers now. I did not have a automatic washer until Jim was two years old. Now, I took off. So Jim was born the 20/25 of January. My last day of teaching was the 18th of January

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I I was gone six weeks, I went back the first of March. And I had a girl come and take care of him while I talked and I washed the bottles and sterilized and made his farm Milla washed his diapers. Now I did this by hand, because I didn't have an automatic washer. And to bring up the commercial, conventional washer and every morning. I didn't have time.

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Conventional by that you mean you know

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the wringer washer? Yeah, the wringer washers set, you know, electric. And, in fact, that's what I had to use. And so, and I boil them and hang them out and cook breakfast. I got myself ready and went to school.

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You must have been gotten up in the middle of the night,

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while six o'clock. And then of course, I had to stay at school to make my lesson plans and so on. I get home but about Well, I think then I would make it home but five. I had dinner to get the girl I had couldn't wash dishes because their hands broke. I paid her \$150 a month to sit by the best sniffed and read comics. But I was forced to see I had from March until in school. Well, I know I couldn't, couldn't keep her beyond that. And in fact, I was going to quit. And Becky Boyce's father came down to talk to me, he was on the board. And he said, When you teach you're happening. And in those days, yeah, I was 42. Almost 43 Then, well, I guess I could do and I got along. All right. I said okay, I'll take half a day. So they hired a new superintendent, superintendent came down and talked to me says, Well, if you're going to teach a half a day and have to have a babysitter, can't you do it all? So I said, Okay, I don't know whether I could do it. But do it now if I knew then what I know now. But anyway, I did and I got a woman from Camp Draper. I had to I got Jim Rohn he gave his best and dead his diapers and dead hits his bottles and said him, drove up to cam to pick up the woman, bring her down here. And by and by that time I had dressed, ready to go to school, then I went to school. Then I came back, and I had permission then to leave at four o'clock. And I picked her up, took her to camp, and brought her back again. So I I have well, I can't do that that was too expensive and, and plowing snow with my car.

So do you know bonita? The Sweeter, sweeter Damn. Well, her mother asked if she could have the job. And I said, Yes. The lady I had before was not a good disciplinarian. And Jim was about driving her ragged. And he was turning on false. It's in the bathroom and doing just here, just 18 months old. So I told her Anita, that was her mother's name. I said, Now, Anita, you got to make a mind. I said, here's a flyswatter. I said you use it but don't use it on its head. Use his bottom. And I said that's a three to learning. Well, she used it twice. And he just loved her. But he doesn't remember Mrs. I can't even think of her name either. Now that I got from camp, but see, Miss istimewa made her mind. And she used it twice. Well, that first summer, when I was home, I was swatting flies and broke that flyswatter and he broke out in tears. And I can still hear and say Oh Miss time fo be mild. You broke the flyswatter I had to go to town by a flyswatter. And that had an honored place in the kitchen. But she never used it after that. And he idolized her when she was there until we started school when he was when he was six and a half. So, you know, my philosophy is you do not say never, you'll never do this, or you can't do this until you have tried. And you'll be surprised what you can accomplish when you set your mind to it. And when I hear these kids nowadays, oh, I don't want to take this. It's boring. I want to kick them in the pants and tell them listen, you'd be surprised what you can do. And if there's anybody is bored, you're doing it to yourself. Nobody is boring. So

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oh, by the way, have you have a new superintendent jet?

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Yeah, I'll tell you about him in just a minute. When did you get electricity then?

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you weren't without it for a really long period of time.

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I was over there because we were renting and the people who owned that didn't they were going to put it in later on. But again, it was Miss moneywise you see we only paid \$40 a month for rent there and they didn't feel that the amount of rent

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the old house and Uncle Frank had electricity.

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Did you have indoor plumbing and stuff? No. No, you still didn't have that?

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No didn't have that we have the all outdoor and you can imagine in 25 below zero

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you How did you go about train you know potty training your little? Oh,

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I bought a little potty training and a little potty chair.

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Because I'm you know, in the middle of the night a little kid to trick them out. You know,

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I had a little I bought a little potty chair. Yes, they had those hand but as far as, as the adults, we had to go up to the old outcasts.

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When did you get into a plumbing

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well And then you see there was the water again. And you could not get anything. You could not get any plumbing materials. In fact, we had thought of, we planned to put in plumbing, but Frank talked about it. So it wasn't until 1946 That you got into a plumb that we got indoor plumbing. And then you couldn't get we were not able to get a bathtub right away, we had put in shower. And then a year later, we got de facto. So then, in 1940 1949 we did away with the way sold the wood stove in the kitchen and bought combination. Electric was the trash burner. It was all built together. And we felt we had to have the trash burner because it gets a cold in the wintertime.

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So in other words, it was like half electric and half you could

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no understand about the electric stove at the oven. And everything was electric. But built to it was an iron. Cast iron. You've seen these trash burners. Oh, okay. And yeah, it was attached to it. And no wintertime I kept firing there and I had chickens then and I used to cook oats. Have them in a bucket and have it on that trash burner and I take huddle to my chickens. But I gave that up when I went back to teaching. We did away with the chickens.

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Who got the wood for you when you lived over here when you were first married to Bill. Oh yeah, yeah, he kind of did he bring it in house or did you have

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Oh no, he did it. Now why move back to the old house. Well, neighbors finish feeding the cattle. And then they had lots of horses. They used horses to haul hay with you see and and plow and so on until oh gosh. I don't remember whether it was after must have been after the war when they got there. First maybe they had a tractor before the war. You know, before America was involved in the war, I don't remember now. But anyway, they had they had quite a few horses to take care of. Well then the cow

had to be milked. So one milk cow and the other cut wood and it was always to cut on an upward for the kitchen stove and for the living room stove. And that was powered there on the porch behind it was an L shaped porch. And they never thought of that coming in. Which you know

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did you bring it in from the porch then?

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Well yeah, in the kitchen. They had that built right into the kitchen wall which based West wood box. So there was a lead in the kitchen that was led outside you see and you opened it up and there was and it was all about that high side hill lots of wood so that's where I got my wood for I can Oh yes it was and but for the living room, you had to go out on the porch and get get the wood so I kept my best to keep them both stops. Then in 1947 We bought an oil heater and we've had oil ever since. But prior to that the first heater we had in the living room was one Uncle Frank had. He put wood in from the side. It was kind of ornate and then we bought what they call the circulating wood stove. You could put within and you could keep put in there keep fire now. Most of the night

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So got as far as having to ever chop wood I didn't ever have to identify, well, I couldn't even know. chop wood. And it's the same thing when they go up to grind up the cow cam, before they come in to eat, or to start supper, see the men cook for themselves up there. And by the way, they have the banker and they have the judge up there. And they have their chores to do got wooden cook and and that certification. They love it. But they cut the word and take care of their horses and then come in and then cook their their meal. Except on the night. The first couple nights I do it for them. I stay up there and cook for him. But then I come home after they've eaten they wash the dishes. Play cards, they have wonderful time. Now I don't know what they're gonna do they you can't go up

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yeah, you have to have now when the bill and Jim they're going to have to fix fence up there along with Bill garage. And they're going to have to have four servicemen men go with them with some radio, otherwise we'd have to buy radios, and they're quite expensive.

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What kind of radio do they need? CB radio

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known as special. And you can't be any further than 30 minutes from a vehicle. So I don't know what's what's gonna happen, that's gonna

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They'll says, well, we'll cross that bridge when we get to it. That'll be last September, hope the mountain goes to sleep. And I don't know.

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You'd said that the depression really affected you're going to school. Do you think were there any other effects that it had on you then? Or how about now? Do you think there any effects? Anything happened to you because of the depression that's changed the way your life has been seen?

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No, I think that. Oh, the depression was not fun thing by enemy. So I'd hate to see any of you young people. Cite Mary Anita says that if another depression comes like the man in the 30s. She's Mom, I don't know how we'd ever cope. But I don't either. But you did what you had to do. But it did make me independent now. I didn't have to. In fact, I couldn't borrow any money. I had a little savings account. I think I must have had I don't know \$50. And I lost that when the banks closed, you know. And it was they paid back some of the larger amounts, but not the smaller. So which was important to you? Yeah. Yeah. And that was in Tacoma. You know, I pay I saved we used to have bank data. High School every Tuesday. You'd bank your nickels and pennies and so on. Well, that's what I did. And I lost every bit of that. I was going to go to Ellensburg. To school, and I don't know what \$15 would have done, but it would have been starved anyway. But bottlers told me that I'd be far better off, stay there and live with them and go to two ups and Mr. Butler said he had an excellent rating. And he said, I think you'd be far better and a test. And it did because when I would mention I'm a graduate of college Puget Sound Well, immediately that that opened some doors you say? So I can't say the other than I was not able to pursue medicine, which probably on the way some or other I would have had to give it up anyway. I would not say that they've ruined my life or anything like that. In fact, I think I've benefited

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How do you say how do you figure that

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out? Because I was self supporting. And you learn to better do for yourself.

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So like you never really worried when you were married? Like if something would happen to Bill what you do because You had a profession had

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a professional degrees Yeah. And not only that, but I was forced to work in a family where I would never have had the opportunity to hear patter risky play. I would never have had the opportunity to hear the outstanding violinist nor to hear the Seattle and Symphony Orchestra in that coma. I guess it was the film Monaco orchestra at that time. I also saw the Russian ballet. See, these were tickets Mr. Butler, being manager at the Kelly this was all during the Depression. This is all during the Depression. Mr. Butler was manager of Kelly Clark. Food brokers. I don't know whether they're still in existence or not

there. And as a civic, community worker, and apart in person in, in Tacoma, it was understood he'd buy these tickets. Well, many times these engagements would come when they had other engagements, they had dinners or Mr. Butler had to be out of town or something. Well, I fell out to those tickets. And Mr. Mrs. Butler didn't care too much for the the symphony concert so I got all of those. Not only that, but when they would have dinner parties, I was able to meet well to do influential people in Tacoma. Now, one of the persons that I met and was very fond of was the daughter of warehouses, Mrs. Smith, and she was seeing a trustee of the University of Puget Sound, now her daughter in law is and she would come in the kitchen and talk to me and ask me how amscope was going when I was taking and in fact, the last year that I was there at Butler's before I left she said now she settled down and my tutor understand that if you ever need help, you want to come to me? Well, I may have been times I could have but then you don't, you know, unless it taps you know, absolutely desperate. But she She said you're doing fine and keep it up. And she was the one who told me about money. I owe Like all young people I used to at times feel sorry for myself, you know, that's understand, I would get to the point where I was probably tired. I had to be up at 530 in the morning, cook breakfast before I went to school and I studied not not till 10 o'clock, but it would be 12 o'clock was early, many times. And one two and three o'clock in the morning. And I mean dead for sleep, you'll see. But I used to think, Oh, if I could just not have been born in a family that had money. So one time she sat down talk, she was a dummy at her table and she came in she said that she's delighted to come in and talk to me. And this one time came up about money. And I told her I said Oh, it must be wonderful to have all the money you want. So she said that I'm gonna sit here and tell you all about she says yes. She said I was fortunate. I was born with a silver spoon in my mouth. She's I've never known what it is to be without money, not having anything I want. But she said you have to remember that there is a tremendous responsibility. She said, You can have money today. And maybe tomorrow, you could be bankrupt. And that can happen. You can be up there and it's very easy to fall down. And she said with me now. She said I have the responsibility to make this money work for me. Not let the money control me. And what she did. She didn't know Too many sheep is on many committees and they contribute it to charities and coma and my guess all over the world, right? Now she says My husband was born of a poor family, really. And she said that we met in college and she said, he's, he's 14, he's got a good job. But she said, he has to work for it. And he realizes that the money isn't everything. It's not all that important, but it's nice to have. So you see, I got a nice philosophy as far as wealth is concerned. So when I hear somebody talk about what they have, and how much they have, I always think of Mrs. To come who said, Never let money reload your fat or your life. You must make money work for you and do what you want it to do. But not control. Gosh, she said, otherwise, it'll it'll destroy you. And it can too, they can.

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Both lack of it, extreme lack of it, and having too much no such thing as having too

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much. Yeah, well now have WisDOT warehouse or say, well, they're multimillionaires, you know. And they Well, like she says, we, we, we never we have we have all the money that we want. But then of course, she said we're not going to be extravagant either. We're not going to throw it all away. It must do good. It must do some good. And I at that time, too. I don't know whether you are aware of the the Matson kidnapping case that took place in Tacoma. The medicine boy was kidnapped and killed during the Christmas vacation. And the his father was a doctor in Tacoma. Dr. Metz and they lived right at the

bottom of Do you know where the Franklin mansion is. It used to be the warehouse or mansion. Well, their home was right at the bottom of it. And the Franklin said bought it from the warehouses. And there had the Franklin said to me, they came out later that she was instrumental in planning the kidnapping of the Franklin boy. And somehow or other somebody forewarn the Franklin said, to take the boy to California, and they did. And they fired the maid while the man who was going to do the kidnapping apparently didn't know that the maid had been fired and the Franklin's were gone and he entered the home. He gained entrance into the home found that there wasn't anybody there. And he came down the you know, there's the rock gardens, you know, down that slope, and he came down the path and open the front doors to the medicine home and grab the he was 11 years old and grabbed him. He was in his pajamas. And he and the his two sisters were there with the housekeeper. Those parents were at a party. And they found him a week later. He had been dubious dad. So you see they're like the Franklin's having money. And like Mrs. Titcomb told me when this case was they were trying to find the kidnapper or kidnappers. They really did not know how many were involved. That there was one case of what money can do. It can be a detriment. It can be detrimental to the ones who are in the family in that there's always a danger of being kidnapped. or blackmailed or something like that? And she said, You say you we have that to contend with which she said, you may not have to worry about it at all. wonderful person. So I would not have met people like that if it hadn't been for the depression so you see, there's always some good dwell that

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wow, you've had such an interest in life and death so many neat things.

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Well, Claire, everybody alive can be really interested interesting if they, Oh, it gets humdrum. I know here last winter when this it was snowing that 37 hours. I nearly went wild. But many times I'll sit in there and stop thinking about what to go on in the past. Although some regrets I wished I had been a little closer to my to my boss, but I chose to come here. So

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can you think of anything else that you would really like to talk about?

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Well, I've missed my teaching. I miss it dreadfully. And but I realized I met the age I can't do it. I don't have the energy. And I think we're living in the most wonderful age. I'm glad I'm living at this time, it was like Well, one of the retired teachers we had lunch enough well every every May we have a luncheonette flying out that is Delta Kappa Gamma. This is a may sound Saturday and flora Marielle. And I have that. That luncheon. And we Yeah, Elsa fixes the main meal in the salad and the rolls, and we fix the dessert. And we've taken up the last couple of years. So what may have done is to have either ice cream or we've had Sure But this year, we had two kinds of sherbet and we made all kinds of cookies. And we took our tear trays and had them all stacked with cookies. And Marielle fixes the flowers now this year she she used her pink goblets of hurt, Franciscan pottery. I hadn't thought on that and I have those glasses too but and she puts Oh, she goes up to the metals and picks the blue cameras and other wildflowers plus some of the team flowers she has a new yarn and she picks bouquets and these lovely pink goblets and she had to to a table Well, Elsa put on pastel striped

tablecloth on and I had made woven I had woven with their nylon and cotton. Oh, they're parts of stockings and then I dyed them different pastel colors and made potholders woven you know on a loop and so we had those on the table and floor but um, so they were diagonal, and um, that they Mary Ellen and flora had fixed netcups They were rather large like that and they had a titan with some pretty ribbon and had a little sprig of artificial flower and a little butterfly and that we put down candies and nuts and had that on that on the pothole. Oh the tape of was pretty sounds like and it was just as pretty as it could be. Well Kate Kimball sat opposite me we were talking and Kay said you know, she said we have a Experience three remarkable things in our lifetime. She says, you know, we're very fortunate to have been able to. And she said the first was man walking on the moon. She said the second was the total eclipse. And the third was the eruption of mounting course that was approached, you know, in March. And I said, Yes, can you are You're so bright that it, you know, ordinarily if something outstanding, like man walking on the moon, but the only one thing that would happen, and I said, Not only that, okay, but you probably don't, didn't experience but I said I did Limburg flying across the Atlantic in that little airplane, which I saw in Washington, DC and it was just like a toy. Yeah. And I said that we're in the Atomic Age. I said, when I was in college, only 12 People understood the Einstein's theory of relativity. And I said, Now look, we're, we have atomic energy, I said. At the time I was taking physics, the atom hadn't been hadn't been split get the energy of it had not been put to use and I said we have some look and all the wonderful thing is that we have experience and not was a date before they may 18. Same eruption. At the picnic, I told Kay, I said, you know, we should have had the luncheon A week later, and then we could have added the real out eruption to our list. But there's, there's something new all the time. It's something that when you think of people committing suicide, how can anybody do that? They're sure there are you can become depressed there are there are problems. We have world problems, there starvation. But it's, it's for us to do something about it to try and help to alleviate it. Or at some point we can't because due to ignorance, but then maybe we could even do something about that. We must always, always strive we must never give up. And that's the Shara thing I miss. Being involved you see with young people to help them to realize that life is wonderful. And I think of a poor Kenny feller. Yeah. How troubled that boy must have been. And his life was just starting.

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He had an experience so many things that you know,

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what was he a boy that was him mentally sick? Or was it that day? It didn't have anybody to communicate with or what was a trauma.

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I really don't know Sylvia, that really came as a shock to me. I didn't have candy in a class that year and oh, and so I only see him about every six weeks or so at class meetings because their class advisor and he just you know, he seemed was fine there at the beginning of the year. But then you know, I noticed that he was getting really quiet and stuff you know, and I go up to minutes I can look down or you know, something traveling or anything I can do and well no no, no. And he just would kind of leave and I don't know I guess I I personally feel a little guilty over what happened. But you know, I tried to communicate with him and he just he was just very quiet and to himself. Boy it was it hit me pretty hard. Yeah, well, you know, of course,

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you can't take you can't blame yourself. Because that was an act that he did on his own and actually come right down to it. He was responsible for it but ever we haven't ever in our recommended to hit here had well, I don't remember anything to equal Of course I know that in the family there. Ron was having drinking problems. And bacteria. He was taking care of that. crude and Karsa I've always maintained that alcohol it's one of the worst drugs there are and yet you can eliminate because it's in the Bible they had they had the alcohol they had the mind flying was an important part of the of the biblical times and so on but

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just like overeating that food can be

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oh, by ever learn to shut that table um, I like to cook and I like what I cook, so I hear you how's the food? It's go,

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Oh, fine. I think we're probably about done with this.