

This is Jerry Morcom interviewing my Grandpa Arvid - J
Olves here at his home in Champion, Michigan.

Q. How old were you when you were in the great depression?

A. I ^{I was^a about} should of looked at that (pause) I was about 22.

Q. What did you feel How do you feel about the great depression?

A. It is not so bad as the last one

Q. What type of work did your family do during the depression?

A. Worked on relief ^(pause) WPA

Q. What kind wages were there

A. I was getting 40¢ an hour

Q. Was meat rationed?

A. ya

Q. What other kind goods were rationed?

A. Sugar, sugar an thats about all I remember

Q. What kind clothes did you have?

A. well) patched up clothes

Q Did you make your own

A. ya my mother used to make our clothes

Q Did you grow a garden

A. yes

Q Did you can the food ^{PAUSE} from the garden

A. most of it most of the food was canned.

Q What kind of ~~the~~ transportation were there

A. ~~to~~ um we didnt have any at our house there was cars then

Q how much was gasoline a gallon during then

A. it was a 15¢ then it went up to 20¢ a gallon

Q. you walked alot then hey

A. ya we walked to school and all over or when ever we went to store or any place

Q. If a member of your family got sick did you take them to the doctors

A. we ah ya we took them to the doctors we lived about a half mile away

Q. what were the doctor fees

A. sometimes he wouldn't charge anything sometimes \$2.00 that's with the medication and everything

Q. Did you have any home remedies like

A. yes we had liniments and ointments

Q. what did you make them out of

A. ~~some~~ ^{we} had them home then from the drugstore or from the store

Q. Did your children ever die from the flu or pneumonia

A. no ^{more} of our relations lot of them died during the flu

Q. what kind of entertainment did you family have

A. we had an old victrola that you all

Q. was there welfare during the depression

A. there was some ya my mother used to get five dollars a month

Q. was there food stamps

A. just for sugar and meat

Q. did you collect them Did you collect the food stamps

A. yes

Q. What kind of fuel did you heat your home with

A. wood

Q. Who was the president during the depression

A. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Q. Do you feel he did a good job

A. he did ah he was the Best president we ever had

Q. Did you ever go on any vacations

A. no

Q. How did the depression end.

A. When Franklin D. Roosevelt came in
he started with \$40 a month and from
then on it picked up

Q. How did it end then (na) how did the
depression end

A. it was good times after that (oh)

Q. How do you feel our present economy
Do you feel our present economy is

similar to the economy of the depression

A. some ways some ways

Q. Are people better off right now

A. I think they better off lots better off now

Q. Do you think people are different today
than they were during the depression

A. no they I think they would be about the same

Q. Do they waste a lot of food like

Q. ha - do they know their food away
or do they save like it and put it
in things and put them in the bag.

A. yes ~~to~~ they did that

Q. Are they less responsible today than they
were during the depression

A. yes ^{oh} much more

Q. Did you ever have alot of snow
during the depression

A. 1938 we had the big storm

Q. How many feet of snow were there

A. well in one place in the road there
was 32 feet of snow on one bank

Q. how did people get out of their home

A. some of them tunneled out they
opened the main road and some
of them tunneled out from their houses
snow was as high as the wall tunneled
out to the road what was open

Q. alot of people were stuck in that drifts
hey

A. ya lot of them some miners and some
people road they had to stay in gas stations
for 4 days

Q. How did they get there food then

A. they must of got it some way or other
I dont know I wasn't in that I
was home