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Me: Today's date is <sup>Wednesday</sup> December 30, 1987, I will interview Mrs. Violet  
Agnore at her house.

Me: When and where were you born?

Her: I was born in Greenwood location October 3, 1914

Me: How many people were in your family?

Her: There was 6 of us I had 2 brothers I mean 2 sisters 1 brother and  
my mother and father there was 6 of us.

Me: Did you go to school and where?

Her: O the school was approximately about a mile from my house  
I went to school from kindergarten to eighth grade.

Me: How did you get to school?

Her: We walked. It was a one room school house and  
there were 9 grades in that one room school house.  
Kindergarten up to eighth grade and there was one teacher  
and she taught every grade and every class for the whole  
9 grades, and of course she never had time to correct all of  
our papers and she piled them up on her desk and took  
them home at night and that was her <sup>night</sup> work to correct  
all of those papers. There was a furnace in the corner  
and the kids took turns stoking that fire, and then . . .  
and for . . . we had . . . a water fountain in the corner

Her: (continue) and the janitor would go down to the creek and fill it up, but of course the cows used to walk around in that creek to keep the flies off of them. We all come down with yellow ~~skin~~ jaundice and we were as yellow as saffron but we survived.

Me: What did you do for lunch?

Her: We carried a sandwich in our pocket and half the time we crawled upon the school roof and ate it because the teacher went home and there wasn't any supervision for the dinner time, we had a good time.

Me: What grade did you reach before you finished school?

Her: ninth

Me: What kind of grades did you get?

Her: Well . . . I guess they were fair to average.

Me: When you were a child what kind of ~~work~~ job did your father have.

Her: He was a farmer and in the winter he worked at the mine. He also was crippled later on in life he had only one leg.

Me: Do you remember the depression?

Her: Oh my! I lived through I should remember it

Me: How did it affect your life?

Her: Well... I'll tell you when my first child was born during the depression I hate to say it but my biggest desire was to buy a whole case of carnation milk for her but I never got that far, and a lot of times I used to go visit my neighbor and pretend that I came with an empty bottle and get it filled over there. But it... We went through it.

Me: Was your Husband out of work during the depression?

Her: Oh yes! absolutely!

Me: What did you do during the summer when you didn't have anything else to do?

Her: We made hay, planted potatoes, milk cows, oh we had all kinds of fun yet! we rode the pig we didn't have a pony we ~~didn't~~ had a horse we rode the pig.

Me: Did you ever take trips <sup>with your parents</sup> when you were a kid.

Her: We didn't go very many places sometimes we went to the beach, maybe ~~once~~ a year we got as far as Marquette.

Me: How much did coffee, bread and stuff like that cost when you were growing up.

Her: When I was growing up I don't know what my folks paid for it but I can remember I was flabbergasted when bread went up to 14¢ a loaf.

Me: Were there any bad illnesses when you were growing up?

Her: Oh yes! We had a lot of them my brother had appendicitis broken appendix and he was about 14 years old and he was making hay at the Gilmore farm and a another 14 year old boy and I can remember (Earnest <sup>Question</sup> Threese) bringing him home on the hay load and his appendix was ruptured and he was for a week or more with tubes in his side but he (made the grade) he lived. And my, when I was 17 my sister got sick with Bright's disease, and she died when she was 23. It's kidney trouble.

Me: Did you ever have any diseases?

Her: O' I've had them nothing much a little cancer and polio and I don't know what else I had.

Me: How did people help each other when they were sick and through hard times?

Her: Well the neighbors were real good back in those days when I was growing up. They go from farm to farm helping each other with getting in the crops. I don't know how they would manage if they didn't help each other.

Me: Was there any hospitals?

Her: Yes there was a hospital.

Me: What was it like?

Her: ~~Well~~ Well you got good care there, I wasn't ever in the hospital until I was pretty well grown. I can't remember ever being in the hospital when I was ~~young~~ young. When we got a sore throat or something like that my mother wrapped a rag around our neck and it went away.

Me: When you called the doctor he came to your house right.

Her: Oh! Yes

Me: Did you ever go to a wedding when you were a little kid?

Her: There wasn't any big weddings when I was a kid because they all were so poor they couldn't afford it, and they just had little weddings.

Me: Were there any funerals?

Her: Oh! Yes! we had funerals but the people were brought home they weren't brought to the undertaker.

Me: You would go to see people in their own house.

Her: Oh! Yes! and they would have the coffin made out generally in the front room.

Me: How did you celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July,

Her: When I was a kid there was a great big hill and sometimes at night we would go down then in the evening and climb it

Her: (continue) and from there we could see Inupeming because

they used to have fire works from there. That was our celebration if we could see some of them go off of course it was about 6 miles away.

Me: How did you celebrate other holidays?

Her: Well Christmas we always had a tree and we always had a nice Christmas dinner and my mother made a lot of good things for Christmas but I never knew there was a Santa Claus till I started school and the kids told me.

Me: Did you ever get anything from Santa Claus?

Her: Not from Santa Claus No.

Me: But from your mom and Dad, not every Christmas but some Christmases

Her: \_\_\_\_\_

Me: What kind of foods did your mom prepare?

Her: at Christmas time it was always two chickens raised on the farm.

Me: You said you took trips to Marquette what was it like?

Her: Well when we did go to Marquette it wasn't for shopping it was to go out to the Island and have a picnic.

Me: It was the big thing to go there.

Her: Oh that was the celebration of the year.

Her: (Continue) well later we had a car but we had the  
we didn't go as far as ~~to~~ Marquette with the horse  
later on when we were a little bigger then we got  
the car.

Me: What did you do for recreation?

Her: We played with the neighbor kids and we had a ball  
we used to swing from the hay forks in ~~to~~ the barn.  
We used to ride the work horses and the pig

Me: What kind of chores did you have to do around the  
house?

Her: I didn't, I had to older sisters who did the work  
around the house. My brother and I did the barn  
work carried the water and milked the cows and  
cleaned the barn

Me: Did you have a favorite pet?

Her: O.L. 'yes!

Me: What was it?

Her: I had a cat. I got it for my birthday 2 cats that  
looked just alike and after my birthday my dad  
drowned them.

Me: How did you get along with the rest of your family?

Her: Fine all of them we all got along good.

Me: How far did you live from your relatives and neighbors?

Her: Well my closest girlfriend when we grew up together lived about a mile away but we spent a lot of time at each other house. And we used to sleep in the hay barns at night. The closest neighbor was about a mile away.

Me: When did you finally get a car?

Her: Oh I think I was 12 years old when my dad got his first car.

Me: (Back on the depression) Did you have shortages of stuff?

Her: Everything was a shortage, you ate the cheapest stuff you could get a hold of.

Me: Did people get sick more during the depression?

Her: No! maybe we were better off we didn't have all of those snacks we had a cow and we raised a pig and we had chickens. We had everything from the farm and we mostly lived on that.

Me: Did you ever have a radio? or T.V.?

Her: We had a little small radio we didn't have a T.V. till the kids were in high school



me: did you ever listen to the president on the radio?

Her: I can't ever remember listening to the president on the radio.

daughter: The radio never worked that well when you lived in Humboldt you never got good radio reception.


me: How did you wash and dry clothes?

Her: well I hauled the water from the well out there and I put it in a boiler on the stove and when it got hot I put it in the tub and I washed it by hand up and down and rinsed it and we hung it on the line and dried it outside and when it was too cold outside we hung them inside.

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Her: during the depression I had a job at Dumty's restaurant we made a dollar a day and we worked about 12 hours a day ~~at~~ ~~about~~ 7 days a week which panned out to about 8 cents an hour. and I can remember the carpenters working for 10¢ an hour they made lots bigger wages than I did and we cut pulp for a while me and Ernie we got 4¢ a stick for <sup>it peeled</sup>

Her: When my dad went to town when we were small he would take the horses and go ~~over~~ a week and he would come home and take his coat off and we would always look if there was a buldge in the pocket but we wouldn't ask and after supper he would take out the candy and pass it around and we were so thrilled. And do you know what I can remember about the first world war I was 2 year 1914 because I could remember my dad coming home from town and said you cant buy sugar any more and he had bought a big bag of hard candy and he said when the kids have coffe in the morning give them 2 hard candies instead of sugar and I thought ~~and~~ and drank my coffee black so I could eat the hard candy.

When we went to confirmation we put the horses in lawsons barn and leave him there still we came out of confirmation. In the winter we had a cutter a cutter is a little sleigh with runners it took an hour and a half and I lived where the golf course is. I remember when Carol was sick it scared the daylight out of me I went to doctor van riper if no one was working there was no charge. I had taken Carol up there that day and he said dont send her to school tomorrow. so that day some boy died with polio and he was afraid they would get <sup>it</sup>.  
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