

Q. what was it like living on a farm? It was a lot of good hard work.

Q. What were the chores? Well, you had to chop wood to keep warm in the wintertime, you had to make long silences, plant potatoes, ~~and~~ you prepare the fields, repair fences,

Q. anything else? everything - on a farm.

Q. Well did you have horses ~~or~~ <sup>and stuff</sup>? Oh yeah, we had a horse, we had ~ horses - and we had - we rode the horse once in awhile, in the morning we had to clean the horses, we had to take care of them.

Q. Cows? yes, we had 13 head of cattle Q. thirteen? yeah I never knew that! yes - we had cows

Q. What did you do for fun? Well, in the summertime, we didn't have to much time (mumble) we were always taking care of the farm, working on the farm. but, we went swimming once in awhile, (mumble) got a chance to play ball once in awhile

Q. What did you do in the winter? Well, in the wintertime we, ~~taking~~ took care of the cattle in the barn, we went skiing and skating and Q. sledding? a little huntin', sledding.

Q. What was National mine like, the school? Well, it was a good school

Q. Was it (mumble) have you been in it since? huh? Have you been in it since? innocent? In it! Inside the school since you left? or since you were there? chee Has it changed? yes, it's changed a lot. But ah I just went there to

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pickup my granddaughter there one day that's all.  
But it has changed, I can see that.

Q. What was the town of National Mine like? Well, its very grown up as far as brush and different people ~~living~~ <sup>was</sup> living there since I ~~lived~~ there.

Q. Was ~~there~~ were there lots of stores. NO - 2 stores & Post office? Yes - a post office and there was a store combination and Anna's store

Q. Was there lots of people living there? Yes, there was a lot of people years ago in National Mine ~~alot~~ of the old houses are torn down ~~old mining towns~~

Q. Was there a mine in National Mine? There was a mine in National Mine. There was lots of mines in National Mine. There were 6 or more years ago. A lot of them before my time. Q. Where were they? All through National Mine.

Was the church still on that one hill, church-hill or whatever its called? Yes, I went summer school there and we used to go from the farm bring the horse and sleigh bells and every Christmas Eve we used to go up there.

Q. Didn't you have a car? Yes, model T

Q. Were there lots of kids in the school?  
Yes, there ~~were~~ were a lot of kids.

Q. Were the teachers mean? No, no?

Q. What were the punishments? Well a good tongue lashing once in awhile why? What'd you do? Well, maybe I misbehaved thought I wasn't but I probably did.

Q. What was it like living with all your sisters and brothers and that? crowded

Q. Didn't you have a radio or t.v.? Yes, we always had a radio. No t.v.'s them days  
Oh that's right. We never even had electricity on the farm. We only had our light plant. Our own light plant  
Q. What's a light plant? generator - ooh! a delco plant

Q. How many kids were there to a room? all the girls - Well in my younger days, there were 7 girls and 4 boys. Did they all sleep in one room? 4 boys in one room and 6 girls in one room double bunks and down stairs another bed. Did everyone sleep on the same bed? Not all of them slept on it, 2, 3 to a bed. Wasn't that crowded?

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you it was.

"you don't know how you got it  
made now days." "Yeah I suppose  
it's a big different story nowadays  
than it was when I was a young  
boy. You never had it so good  
compared to me. Let's put it that  
way. Okay