

SCoSE

Saarbrücken Corpus of Spoken English

Indianapolis Interviews

All the stories included in this corpus were recorded in interviews Professor Norrick conducted with senior citizens aged 80 and older in a retirement community in Indianapolis, Indiana, over the space of a week in the summer of 2002. He lived in the retirement community while recording, and he had met some of the interviewees before the recording sessions around the public area, at meals or “happy hour.” Interviews took place in the cottages or apartments of the interviewees or in activity rooms in the central “lodge” of the community. The interviews were in principle unrestricted in time and topic, though Professor Norrick often prompted interviewees by asking for funny experiences from the past. He initially hoped to elicit two or three stories from each participant in ten to fifteen minute interviews, but many of the sessions ended up lasting well over an hour and including many stories. The transcriptions were produced from his recordings by Sabine John according to the conventions summarized below.

Each line of transcription represents spoken language as segmented into intonation units. In English, an intonation unit typically consists of about four to five words and expresses one new idea unit. Intonation units are likely to begin with a brief pause and to end in a clause-final intonation contour; they often match grammatical clauses.

Each idea unit typically contains a subject, or given information, and a predicate, or new information; this flow from given to new information is characteristic of spoken language. (Chafe 1994)

Arranging each intonation unit on a separate line displays the frequency of intonation units beginning with *and* and thus highlights the greater fragmentation inherent in spoken language. (Chafe 1982)

In the transcriptions of the Indiana interviews to follow, each line is numbered consecutively. Capitalization is reduced to the pronoun *I* and proper names, diacritics are used to mark features of prosody rather than grammatical units and non-lexical items, for example pause fillers like *ehm* and *um*, affirmative particles like *aha* or surprise markers like *oh*, are included.

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[and so-]	Square brackets on successive lines mark
[why] her?	beginning and end of overlapping talk.
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Albertine Moore 1

What makes people tick ?

- 1 Neal the last time we talked
2 you said you were a world traveller.
3 you've been all over the [place]
4 Albertine [oh yes] yes yes
5 that was after I married.
6 and we decided-
7 I wanted to know
8 the great question that was on my mind-
9 I'll never forget-
10 that's folk curiosity.
11 I wanted to know
12 what makes people tick.
13 and so ah ..
14 my husband loved to travel.
15 so ah ...
16 the same I
17 so we went out to find-
18 what makes people tick. {chuckles}
19 and of all our travels
20 we all came back home after manymany years.
21 that there was just one answer
22 everybody ticks alike. {chuckling}
23 There's no difference.
24 Neal yeah.

How are the Indians ?

- 1 Neal so you grew up in Alexandria ?
2 Albertine Virginia ... yes.
3 Neal Virginia.
4 Albertine that's at the valley {telephone ringing once}
5 Neal Yeah.

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6 why did you end up here in Indianapolis ?

7 Albertine I just wanted to know just ..

8 What makes people tick .. in Indianapolis.
{chuckling+laughter}

9 see- you see at that time

10 when I was ah-

11 when I was .. younger

12 ah .. people didn't know too much about ... the Midwest.

13 Neal yeah.

14 Albertine they thought about ah .. Indiana.

15 and even- even when I-

16 at that time I was driving home

17 and I parked the car

18 and some children came to the car

19 that had my license

20 they would say "well, how are the Indians ?

21 how are the Indians out there ?" {laughing+laughter}

22 I said "no, this is 'I, N',

23 and this is for Indiana."

24 and I said "Indiana is part of America."

25 but I mean at that time

26 people didn't know too much about ah ... [the country]

27 Neal [when was that ?]

28 when would that have been ?

29 Albertine oh .. that was about 35 years.

30 but they didn't know too much about ah ... the Midwest.

31 and they- ... we- we are being-

32 see- you know quite a bit about it through the races.

33 Neal yeah.

34 Albertine but ah ... I don't know

35 you just don't think of Indiana.

36 you did at that time

37 but I mean at that time

38 people didn't know too much about ah ... [the country]

- 39 Neal [when was that ?]
40 when would that have been ?
41 Albertine oh .. that was about 35 years.
42 but they didn't know to much about ah ... the Midwest.
43 and they- ... we- we are being-
44 see- you know quite a bit about it through the races.
45 Neal yeah.
46 Albertine but ah ... I don't know
47 you just don't think of Indiana.
48 you did at that time-
49 35 years ago.
50 but now ... [it's]
51 Neal [yeah.]
52 Albertine this area is quite- .. quite attractive
53 because of all the advantages
54 Neal yeah.
55 Albertine so they made progress.

Albertine Moore 2**Prima donna**

- 1 Neal do you remember any particular concert that you liked?
- 2 Albertine well I have- I saved ALL of that programs.
- 3 I have them all just as they were.
- 4 I've got them home.
- 5 so I'm gonna turn them over to some of the music lovers,
- 6 I don't have any children.
- 7 but they are precious now
- 8 because of the .. antiquity, y'know.
- 9 and the editions
- 10 and what have you.
- 11 Neal yeah.
- 12 did you see any of the great conductors ?
- 13 Albertine well, I'll tell you what ah ...
- 14 there was ah.. I don't know what-
- 15 what ah- ... opera there- that was
- 16 but anyway, there is an Afro-American who did the ...
- 17 who did that part so BEAUTIfully.
- 18 and I remember when I- my husband and I stepped off of the-
- 19 stepped off the plane
- 20 and we were getting ready to go to the hotel
- 21 everybody ran and grabbed at me.
- 22 OH! in German ... began to-
- 23 Neal [yeah.]
- 24 Albertine talk in German and-
- 25 my husband looked at me
- 26 "what'is this all about?"
- 27 they thought I was a prima donna. {laughing}
- 28 Neal Leontyne Price.
- 29 Albertine LEONTYNE PRICE {laughing+laughter}

Ann Bruner

Spit in the river

- 1 NRN tell me what you did ... with your siblings
 2 or .. with other kids growing up?
 3 what was the [top]
 4 Ann [oh my] older sister-
 5 she was a very good sister.
 6 she would take me on h-
 7 I was her little sister, of course.
 8 I was the baby for four years-
 9 ehm- would take me on hikes
 10 and then when we crossed the big bridge in Michigan-
 11 well, the town we lived in-
 12 Clelland Michigan was a- is an island.
 13 you couldn't get out of the town without going across the river or
 something, y' know.
 14 so we would- we used to take walks across this big arc-
 15 childhood-
 16 big bridge.
 17 and lean over the sides
 18 and spit in the river to make it deeper-
 19 she said, y'know.
 20 I thought that was really terrific.

Examining civilian females

- 1 Ann there was a funny thing when I was first sent.
 2 I was the only unmarried girl of- of the group in Indianapolis
 3 and they used to call
 4 and say "would you go to such and such a hospital, would
 you like to work here"
 5 and I was called if I would like to go out to the Station
 Hospital- out to Ford Harrison.

6 so, I said, sure,
7 I was the only unmarried girl who was sent on that group
8 and they sent me to Indianapolis to the Ford Harrison Station
Hospital.
9 they had me examining WAC applicants {coughing}
10 and I said "this is ridiculous.
11 I'm the only unmarried girl here
12 and you have me not only examining FEmales
13 but ciVILIAN females."
14 that's bad, y' know.
15 so I was sent-
16 where I was doing this work
17 was- was- ah under the supervision of a Dr. Stan Garner
18 whom I had known from his-
19 h-h-his family had a place down in Brown County , the same
as we did
20 so we three had poked there together.
21 so I said "Stan, this is ridiculous."
22 he said "don't worry, Ann."
23 so at NOON- after lunch
24 he had me sent down to where the officers were.
25 I ended up marrying the officer.

Borrow money

1 Ann he was a very very handsome,
2 very likeable, nice guy.
3 he was so ... so honest and so moral.
4 like for instance, one night-
5 'cause I used to drive out to the Ford
6 which was kind a distance from where we lived,
7 and- and- then we would be at the officers' club, y' know,
8 for the evening and stuff,
9 we didn't really go any place.

10 and- and- then I would drive home alone.
11 and he was telling me-
12 ah .. putting me in the car one night-
13 and he said “do you have any money?
14 let me SEE”
15 “THANK you,
16 you want to borrow MONEY”, I said.
17 he said “NO, I just wanted to be sure you are not- y’ know,
18 going without any money”, y’ know. {chuckles}
19 when somebody says to you “do you have any money?”-
20 what would you do?

Babe Burton**Favorite uncle**

- 1 Babe oh .. my story-
2 I- I'm telling you this
3 'cause you have to understand
4 I had one favourite uncle
5 whose name was George DEAN.
6 and he just to me was GOD.
7 he was ... wonderful.
8 he had no children
9 and he just adored ME.
10 so when I was about ten years old
11 ah .. Thurston ... you know whom I'm talking about?
12 the ah .. magic
13 Neal oh.
14 Babe (3.0) what did- maGician=
15 Neal =magician, yeah.
16 Babe -Thurston.
17 oh a long time-
18 well see you=
19 Neal =oh come on, I'm younger than you. {laughing}
21 Babe and he was in the- at the English Theater
20 which is no longer in ... existence.
21 and it- during the- his performance
22 he wanted .. any little children to come up on the stage
23 and see him do .. one of his tricks.
24 Neal yeah.
25 Babe have a woman in the .. air floating
26 and no- no wires.
27 Neal yeah.
28 Babe so I w- got up
29 and wanted to go
30 and my Dad said "nonono sit down"
31 and my mother said "oh Charles, let him- let her go."

32 so I went up and watched.
33 and this was summer
34 and I was ten
35 and I had long hair parted in the middle-
36 two long braids.
37 and after Thurston did his tricks
38 and we were to go off the stage
39 and he shook hands with .. each of us
40 and he said to me "little girl, are you an Indian ?" {laughter}
41 and I said "no, but my uncle is George Dean."
42 that- that was what I was gonna tell your mother.

Santa Claus on Fergus' roof

1 Babe anyway, we'd go to my grandmother's
2 and- this is so- still impressed in my mind
3 she had a big- house
4 and upstairs there was room
5 she'd just evidently did it-
6 I was little
7 for the Christmas
8 and the kids that came down from Michigan and Milwaukee and-
here
9 the Indianapolis kids came to her house too
10 for Christmas Eve.
11 and we all slept in a great big room with mattresses on the floor
12 and sun beds.
13 and my brother who was six years older than I
14 I was probably four or five when this happened
15 he looked- got up and looked out of the window
16 and said "oh, come on, quick
17 Santa Claus is on Fergus' roof." {laughter}
18 and we all ran over
19 and I saw him.

- 20 by golly, I saw Santa Claus in his sleigh on top of Fergus' roof
who lived next door.
- 21 I have a friend that thinks it's a terrific story,
22 but it's TRUE. {laughter}
- 23 I still can see him.
- 24 so that was what I was gonna tell.
- 25 I think it's funny.

Charles Belt

Nothing to eat

- 1 Neal tell me first about the First World War
 2 you were still-
 3 Charles -I was still in grade school in Lamb Town Illinois.
 4 and ah more of the young men around there were drafted into
 the service including a cousin of mine
 5 and ah ... well, that was the big- the big thing of the day.
 6 the farmers ah ... ah economically were very- were doing very
 well during World War One
 7 because the prices of the products had gone up considerably
 [and]
 8 Neal [yeah]
 9 Charles AND it was a flourishing time in the little community of Lamb
 Town
 10 which consisted of two stores, a blacksmith's shop
 11 and did have a barber's shop for a while
 12 and my grandfather rent one of the stores
 13 and my uncle rent the other one
 14 and they used- they had a little thing going
 15 Belt Town, Dog street, Angleton Hotel, nothing to eat.

Related to Charly Belt

- 1 Charles well, my father, as a young man,
 2 he organized the team.
 3 I've got some pictures of- of the team
 4 Neal HA
 5 Charles but I guess they were good
 6 because they beat everything=
 7 Neal =there wasn't a real=
 8 Charles =[there was-]
 9 Neal [there was] already a big league
 10 Charles well there were [some-]

11 Neal [a little bit], right ?
 12 Charles some baseball teams that just travelled all over the country
 13 and any community that could offer them 500 dollars=
 14 Neal =aha=
 15 Charles =they would come and play
 16 and they played-
 17 they had several of those games around there at that time.
 18 and ah- ... after I get big enough
 19 and was playing over in Casyville Kentucky
 20 that's 'cross the river,
 21 up the river from Cave in Rock.
 22 and there was an old gentleman
 23 came up to me
 24 and wanted to know if I was related to Charly Belt.
 25 and that was my father's name
 26 and it was all in my mind
 27 and I said "yeah, he's my father, why ?"
 28 he said "well, he's the durndest baseball player I recall.
 29 he came over here
 30 and he beat the heck out of our team
 31 and then, to cap it all off,
 32 he came on third base
 33 and he walked on his hands from third base to home plate.

Trading his crop

1 Charles when I finished high school,
 2 I went back to Cave in Rock.
 3 and very shortly afterwards the whole family moved back to
 Lamb Town to my grandfather's farm.
 4 and all the boys of course were at home at that time.
 5 and they had- hadn't finished high school
 6 and in order for them to finish
 7 I agreed to farm- the farm.

8 and I did.

9 and- that was in 1931.

10 my grandmother in the meantime had died

11 and my grandfather of course was there by himself until we
moved in. {cleares throat}

12 so ah- I farmed.

13 and for my part they decided three acres-

14 that was mine.

15 whatever I could raise on it.

16 but then I- I h- I also-

17 I attended about- about hundred acres of land-

18 a lot of it creek bottom land.

19 and that fall when I gathered my crop

20 there wasn't any- any sale for it.

21 you just weren't buying anything.

22 so I traded my crop to my uncle.

23 he had a general store.

24 he sold groceries, dry goods, hardware, drugs,

25 he sold everything=

26 Neal [yeah.]

27 Charles =[in this] general store.

28 so I traded him my crop of corn.

29 I don't remember all the things.

30 I got- I got two pairs of overalls, two pairs of shoes,

31 I got a- I got a complete outfit of – underwear.

32 oh, let's see I-

33 to top it off he agreed to give me one of those BIG sticks of
candy- peppermints {laughing}

34 Neal yeah. {laughing}

35 Charles so that's what I got for my summer's work.

Bull dozer job

1 Charles so I went down

2 and I approached the man
3 and I had thought he was gonna throw me out of the office.
{chuckling}
4 he said "it's impossible"
5 I said "well, what if I was married."
6 he said "well, that would make some difference,
7 but not much."
8 but I knew that he was needing tractor drivers-
9 cat skimmers they call them.
10 'cause those farmers around there
11 they wouldn't tackle one of those tractors.
12 Neal ah jaha.
13 Charles I'd fooled around enough that I knew that I could handle one of
them with a little training.
14 so I kept going back.
15 I think about the third time that I went back to his office
16 he said "well, I'll tell you what.
17 I'll give you a chance
18 if you prove to me that you can handle a tractor in the first place.
19 and then- you have to be married in the second place.
{chuckling}
20 and the third proposition is that if I have any complaints from any
source
21 you'll walk off of the job.
22 Neal yeah.
23 where these caterpillar tractors ?
24 Charles caterpillar tractors, yeah.
25 that's it.
26 that's the old tractor, y'know
27 that has independent=
28 Neal =yeah.
29 Charles so I said "that's good enough for me".
30 so I got married on the- July 5th 1933
31 and I went to work for the Juliard Construction Company on July

6th.

32 Neal oh.

Married on July 4th

1 Charles I was supposed to have gotten married on the 4th of July.
(3.0)
2 my wife went to Cave in Rock
3 that's where we were supposed to get married.
4 her family went to Cave in Rock
5 and they waited all day
6 and I didn't show up.
7 and the reason why I didn't show up
8 was because my father had hay on the ground in the field.
9 and they were predicting rain. {laughter}
10 and it would have been ruined
11 and we didn't have telephones-
12 Neal yeah.
13 Charles and there wasn't any way for me to get word to her.
14 so her folks tried to get her to go home again
and forget about to marry {laughing}
15 Neal yeah.
16 you can't leave a woman standing at the altar.
17 Charles Nonono, I showed up that day
18 but it was LATE that evening
19 and I had to ride on horseback for 12 miles to get there
{laughing}
20 Neal BOY
21 Charles but I got there, late that night-
22 late in the evening.
23 well, it was nine, ten o'clock I guess when I got there.
24 but anyway, I stayed all night with a friend.
25 she stayed all night with a lady
26 that she had stayed with when the weather was bad

27 when she was going to school.
28 she rode on horseback to school
29 but.. ah oh six, seven miles every day.
30 and ah- .. so that- (3.5)
31 ah- I- when I was in high school in Cave in Rock
32 I had worked for a druggist, soda jerk.
33 and uh- we were very good friends.
34 and I didn't have the licence, by the way, to get married.
35 we had to go to Elizabeth Town the council seat
36 which was 10 miles away.
37 and- so I said something to him about it
38 and he said "come on, let's get- and he-
39 he and I went by
40 and picked up my wife-to-be,
41 went to Elizabeth Town,
42 picked up the licence.
43 on the way back he said "why don't you stop here at.. ah
Preacher Palmer's house
44 and get married ?
45 Aldy and I- ..
46 he married us.
47 and if he wouldn't mind
48 I like for him to marry you folks."
49 I looked at my wife
50 she says "I don't know
51 since my wedding dress is hanging on a nail {laughter}
52 Neal back in Cave in Rock.
53 Charles back in Cave in Rock.
54 I said "well, I've got a pair of overalls." {laughing}
55 but, anyway- ... we let Jordish Palmer marry us.
56 we went back to Cave in Rock
57 and this bunch of youngsters was there
58 who knew that we had gone to get the licence to get married.
59 and when we got back

60 they had already guessed that we were married.

61 Neal yeah.

62 Charles so they gave us a- .. what they call a shivaree,

63 do you-

64 Neal I've heard the word.

65 Charles you've heard the word "shivaree" ?

66 Neal I've only ever seen it in movies {laughing}

67 Charles yeah, well- I experienced it twice {laughing + laughter}

68 there, they gave us a shivaree that night.

69 the next- .. day when we-

70 we went back out to my folks.

71 the young folks out there

72 they got together

73 and they- they- gave us another shivaree. {laughing}

74 Neal what do they do ?

75 exactly?

76 Charles well, they came up to the house with pans they beat on

77 Neal ah ja, ah

78 Charles a few bring guns that they fire

79 bells that they ring

80 they do this until you come out

81 and invite them in

82 and treat them.

83 Neal yeah, great.

84 Charles that's it.

85 Neal so just make a lot of noise

86 Charles make a lot of noise, yeah.

Barn

1 Charles my wife and I ah .. both had a horse.

2 she rode her horse to school

3 but I had a riding horse.

- 4 and hers was a pacer and mine was a pacer
- 5 and we- we argued all of our lives about which of our
horses was the best. {laughing + laughter}
- 6 Neal you never raced them ?
- 7 Charles no, we never ever- we- we raced them-
- 8 well, the only time I ever remember that we actually
raced them was-
- 9 I'd gone to Cave in Rock
- 10 and she was going home
- 11 and I rode out with her.
- 12 came up one of these thunderstorms
- 13 Neal yeah.
- 14 Charles spring of the year
- 15 and begin with thunder and lightening.
- 16 and she had an aunt that lived at what they called Foot of
Tucker Hill
- 17 Neal hmm
- 18 Charles and ah- they had a barn
- 19 and it was closer than the house.
- 20 and I said "let's race for that barn."
- 21 and we raced for that barn.
- 22 and ah- got in there by the time it just poured down
raining.
- 23 there we were stuck in this barn
- 24 and she was fidgety
- 25 because she knew her aunt Ersy had saw us go there
- 26 and we were in this barn BY OURSELVES. {laughter +
laughing}
- 27 Neal well .. whose horse won ?
- 28 Charles O:h ... it was just tit for tat.
- 29 well it-
- 30 we went into this barn together.

Another talk with the Lord + Take your hat off

1 Charles then there was another .. case (2.0)
2 had a fellow (2.0)
3 had a big family.
4 just lived from hand to mouth,
5 was on relief.
6 A:ND they come along with a WPA program.
7 and ALL the people
8 that were able to work
9 had to be referred over to WPA.
10 taken off of relief.
11 and- his name was Creighter- Lev Creighter.
12 so I went out to visit Lev Creighter
13 and he said "NO: I'm not able to work
14 and I'm not gonna- I'm not gonna .. go anywhere
15 I'm just gonna sit here
16 and draw my relief."
17 and I said "No, you can't do that." {laughter + laughing}
18 I said eh "They gonna cut your relief off
19 and you and your family is gonna get hungry." (2.0)
20 and finally he said "O:kay, I guess if I have to I have to."
21 and I said "Will you meet me at- at what they call Love Corner
22 in the morning
23 and I will take you down-
24 I was going to Rosiclaire Illinois
25 that's were the office was.
27 I'll take you down there
28 and take you to the doctor
29 and then I'll- I'll bring you back home.
30 he said "all right, I'll meet you down Love Corner in the
morning."
31 so I go by the corner-
32 Lev wasn't there. (2.0)

33 so I talked to the- eh manager about it
34 and he said "Well, you better go by this evening
35 and see what- what the trouble is."
36 so I went by there.
37 he- Lev said "Well, Mr. Belt, I'll tell you,
38 I got on Ol' Ginn
39 and I rode Ol' Ginn about half way down there
40 and the Lord told me "Lev, you're not able to work.
41 why don't you turn Ol' Ginn around
42 and go back home."
43 he said "I turned Ol' Ginn around {laughter + laughing}
44 I said "Well, Lev, you better- you better have another talk with
the Lord- {laughter + laughing}
45 because if- if you not go- get down there
46 and have this physical examination
47 you gonna be sitting out here HUNgry.
48 Neal yeah.
49 Charles real hungry.
50 Lev finally said "Well, all right, I'll meet you down
51 there."
52 well, I told the girls in the office about Lev.
53 he was one these fellows that wore a big, black-
54 what they call stove pipe hats,
55 stuck a way up high,
56 little narrow brim,
57 and then he had hair all around the side here
58 and it was long.
59 he'd comb it over to that- {laughing}
60 he was quite a character. {laughter}
61 and I told these girls in the office
62 and they were anxious to see Lev Creighter.
63 I took him down there
64 and I said "Lev, when you go in the office
65 you are supposed to take your head off." {laughing + laughter}

66 he went in
 67 and he ... got inside the door
 68 and he GRABBED his hat,
 69 took it OFF
 70 and y'know- and his hair fell {laughing + laughter}
 71 I thought those girls were just {laughter}
 72 they were trying to keep it here-
 73 but- {laughing + laughter}
 74 I took him in
 75 and introduced him to the .. manager. (2.0)
 76 manager came out
 77 and he says "I didn't know people like that existed."
 78 Neal yeah.
 79 Charles well, they do. {laughing}
 80 but- {clears throat} Lev- he couldn't-
 81 he didn't pass the physical either
 82 and they would=
 83 Neal =oh.
 84 so he was right. {laughing}
 85 Charles he was right.
 86 but that's .. those kind of things you run into.

Mayor of Cave in Rock

1 Charles oh well, yeah-
 2 when I was 23 I was mayor of Cave in Rock. {laughing}
 3 Neal MAYor ?
 4 Charles well, I wasn't elected mayor
 5 I was appointed. {laughter}
 6 but I was elected to the town board
 7 and the mayor resigned
 8 and the rest of the board elected me mayor of Cave in Rock.

Avon Yards

- 1 Neal em- you continued to live down in ah-
- 2 Charles no, I lived-
no I moved to-
- 3 Neal you moved up here.
- 4 Charles yeah, bought a farm.
5 well, you couldn't find a place to rent-
- 6 Neal yeah=
- 7 Charles =at that time in Indianapolis.
8 and I moved to Terre Haute-
9 first moved my family to Terre Haute
- 10 Neal oh.
- 11 Charles and worked out in Terre Haute for some time
12 oh- .. about a year and a half.
13 then I bought a farm.
14 I bought 40 acres over in Hendrik's County 'cross the county line
15 'cause I couldn't find a place otherwise.
16 lived there three years.
17 bought it for \$ 6,000,
18 sold it for \$ 12,000 three years later.
19 bought a place in town.
20 but ah- there's a little story that goes with that.
21 I sold that for \$ 12,000
22 and a few years later my wife and I decided to go out there
23 just to look around to see what it- looked like.
24 and for the first place we had trouble finding it.
25 second place we had a lane-
26 about a couple of hundred yards-
27 to go back to.
28 and we thought "sure, we are on the right lane back to where the
house was."
29 came to find out we weren't on the right lane at all. {chuckling}
30 some men came out

31 they wanted to know if he could help us.
32 and we said “we had this 40 acres of land in here a few years
ago.”
33 we’re just out here looking around to see what it was like.”
34 and he- I asked him
35 and he said “Yes, I did.”
36 I said “Well, do you have any of that land left ?”
and said “did you develop this ?”
37 he said “yeah, I have 12 acres back here.”
38 I said “what do you want for it ?”
39 he said “\$ 750,000.” {laughing + laughter}
40 Neal WOW

One of the best athletes

1 Charles I attended ah (2.0) CMTC every year of-
2 Citizens Military Training Camp ?
3 Neal ahah, NO:.
4 Charles Well ah the- back-
5 this was- this was back in the ah (2.0) twenties.
6 ah ... over Jefferson Barracks Missouri they brought in .. young
fellows
7 from seven different states around
8 and housed them in TENTS for thirty days,
9 gave them military training.
10 Neal yeah.
11 Charles it was the forerunner of the ROTC.
12 Neal yeah.
13 Charles and ah yeah-
14 and I was over there four different years.
15 and ah ... had s-s-some very interesting experiences.
{chuckling}
16 first year I went over there-
17 around Cave in Rock I was considered to be ah .. one of the

- better athletes that they had, y'know.
- 18 played all kinds of games
- 19 Neal [yeah.]
- 20 Charles [and was] pretty good at them
- 21 s- did a lot of swimming.
- 22 and I though, well, y'know, I was pretty good around Cave in
Rock,
- 23 I must be pretty good anywhere I go. {chuckling}
- 24 so when I went over there
- 25 they had a program
- 26 which you went down
- 27 you signed up for all the athletics which you wanted to
participate in.
- 28 so I signed up for just about everything there was, of course.
{laughing}
- 29 on the way back to the tent I stopped by the ah .. swimming
pool
- 30 where they practised some diving-
- 31 and I watched those fellows diving.
- 32 oh, I haven't got any business for sure with these fellows.
{laughter}
- 33 so I goed back
- 34 and marked my name off. {laughter}
- 35 well next thing,
- 36 well- I'd- I'd signed up for BOXing.
- 37 I had sparred around with the fellows around Cave in Rock-
- 38 Neal yeah.
- 39 Charles and I went by where they were ... practising.
- 40 I soon found out I didn't have any business to do with these
fellows. {laughter}
- 41 Charles went back to the tent. {chuckling}
- 42 and there was a little Jewish fellow that- that- the-
- 43 there's five to the tent.
- 44 and he said "I see you signed up for wrestling."

45 I said "yeah, I did."
 46 he said "why don't we go out on the playground
 47 and practise a little bit ?" {laughter}
 48 and I said "well, I guess that's fine with me."
 49 oh, I tell you- {laughter}
 50 time I got away from him- {laughter}
 51 I decided I didn't want to wrestle anymore. {laughter +
 laughing}
 52 well it ended up .. that I finished playing ONE solitary game-
 53 baseball. {laughter + laughing}
 54 Neal yeah. {laughing}
 55 Charles yeah- I could play baseball with them,
 56 that was about it.

Glad you didn't shoot me

1 Charles but there was funny experiences along that line too.
 2 one day I .. went down-
 3 they had the showers down by the latrine
 4 and the showers were all together
 5 Neal yeah.
 6 Charles oh, I then- I might then have happened to be fairly close
 7 so I just wrapped a towel around me
 8 and .. ran down to get a shower.
 9 and on the way back
 10 I wrapped the towel around me
 11 and started back.
 12 and I had- didn't notice
 13 but there was a .. regular soldier there
 14 that had some prisoners
 15 that ah was .. oh scraping- .. raking around the ground.
 16 and I ran between him and his- and his- ah prisoners.
 17 he shot that gun down on me {chuckles}
 18 and said "stop. halt." {chuckling}

19 well, I didn't think he was talking to ME:,
20 I didn't know anything I'd done.
21 Neal yeah.
22 Charles so I started to move on.
23 he- he only yelled "HALT"
24 I startled "What- what's the problem ?"
25 he said "you ran between me and my prisoners
26 and that's a no-law.
27 I could shoot you
28 and you'd be paid for."
29 I said, of course "sure glad you didn't" {laughing + laughter}
30 yeah. {chuckling}

Swimming the Ohio River

1 Charles well, doesn't matter if you tape it or not.
2 it's just a little incident that -
3 I was ah- dating a young lady that lived at Galaconda Illinois
4 she came up to Cave in Rock visiting some people
5 some of her folks that lived there.
6 and she and I went down on- down on the Ohio River
7 where we had a little beach where you swum.
8 and this happened to be in- fairly early spring
9 and the river was up a little bit.
10 'cause of- before they had dams on the Ohio River.
11 and I had told her that I had swum- across the Ohio River there
12 seven times in different years.
13 she said "well, if you can swim across the Ohio River,
14 I can swim across."
15 I said "well, you might- probably can
16 but not today because the water's up
17 and it's a little bit choppy."
18 she insisted.

18 she was gonna swim that- swim that river.
19 Neal yeah.
20 Charles and I said “no way.
21 because by the time you get to the other side
22 you will be way down the river.”
23 ‘cause when you got a current in the river
24 you don’t swim straight across.
25 if you do
26 you wear yourself out fighting the current.
27 but she ins-=
28 =well, I had gone back up to the car for some reason.
29 and while I was gone- ... pscht-
30 she took off.
31 and I looked around for a boat
32 I couldn’t find a boat
33 so I had to go after.
34 and ah- we swum.
35 she got- oh, I don’t know how far- long
36 probably half way or better
37 she began to tire
34 ‘cause she was trying to fight that current.
35 I finally had to tell her
36 “you go with the current
37 just manage to pull yourself across the river a little bit at a time”
38 and ah- above all I said “don’t get scared, don’t get scared.
39 don’t get excited about it.
40 we can get across
41 but we gonna be way down the river.”
42 and ah- I said “when you get really tired
43 just flop over on your back-
44 Neal yeah=
45 Charles =and paddle just enough to keep your head up.
46 don’t worry about your feet
47 you gotta breath

48 but- ...

49 Neal yeah.

50 Charles and ah- I kept talking to her

51 but I don't think we were more than a hundred yards off

52 she said "I don't think I can go any farther"

53 and I said "Oh YES, yes you CAN."

54 but I had to get kind of close to her

55 and out my hand on her

56 and that's about all I DID

57 just put my hand on her

58 Neal yeah.

59 Charles that gave her enough encouragement-

60 Neal yeah=

61 Charles =and kept breathing.

62 and ah- .. but-

63 then we made it.

64 pulled down on the bank, boy.

65 we were both give out of course.

66 Neal yeah.

67 Charles and then we had this mile and a half or more to walk

68 and it was getting late in the evening, y'know {laughing +
laughter}

69 Neal and you were on the wrong side of the river.

70 Charles and we were- (2.0)

71 well, we had a ferry, y'know.

72 it was the way to walk back up to it.

73 Neal ah

74 Charles but- it scared the heck out of me.

75 I didn't let her know that I was scared

76 but it scared ME.

77 I didn't think you would make it.

Nothing exciting

- 1 Charles there was nothing especially exciting about my life
2 I just a-
3 most of my life was ah .. built around the times
4 whatever the condition was
5 I ah .. y'know
6 you had to- had to bend with it.
7 that's right.
8 Neal YEAH.
9 but it's interesting, very interesting
10 it doesn't need to be [exciting] to be interesting. {laughing}
11 Charles [oh]

Dorothy Wolf

Go every single day

- 1 Neal do you have .. special stories to tell about them growing
 up ?
- 2 things the kids did ?
- 3 Dorothy {laughing} well, yes ah ...
- 4 my son Todd was the ah .. oldest
- 5 and ah I was trying to get him to wake up one day
- 6 to go to school.
- 7 he- in our community we didn't have kindergarten.
- 8 it started out first grade.
- 9 so he said "Mother, I didn't intend to go every single
 day." {laughing + laughter}
- 10 so he had a lot to learn. {laughing + laughter}
- 11 but ah ... well (2.0)
- 12 they all got along well.

Rocking chair

- 1 Neal do you remember any special- gifts you got at Christmas ?
2 what kind of things did they give you ?
3 Dorothy {laughing} well, I had this little sister two and a half years
younger than I
4 and I took good care of everything I had
5 and I was quiet and shy
6 and she was very outgoing and active
7 wasn't afraid of-
8 we used to say she wasn't afraid of the devil
9 the devil was afraid of her. {laughing + laughter}
10 and she would- break my dolls
11 and break up everything I had.
12 and ah- finally we each received a little rocking chair
13 child-size rocking chair
14 and she- she couldn't break that. {laughing + laughter}

Ethyl Stuebe

Mother a pick-up

- 1 Ethyl in fact, I kid my kids about my- their mother being a pick-up.
2 because I first met my husband-
3 he had missed a golf ah- meeting on a Sunday morning
4 so he was in Lincoln Park just wiling the time away.
5 and I was waiting for some friends to come back in an hour
6 that had gone away for the morning and not coming back.
7 we got to talk
8 and then had a date and a movie and so on.
9 and it got stronger and stronger.
10 and I finally went to California.
11 I didn't want to get married yet.
12 but then I came back, in Ohio
13 and married fifty-some years before my husband died.

Ida Morris

A baby

1 Ida I ah ... the- I want to tell you about .. my sister
2 ah .. I- when I was eight
3 I heard that my mother was going to have a baby.
4 and I said “oh, wonderful,
5 I don’t care if it’s a baby cat or a baby dog.” {laughter}
6 and ah- they said “well, it’ going to be a person.”
7 but- I said that was ALL right.
8 so when my-
9 it turned out it was a sister,
10 was born
11 I was just ecstatic
12 and I kept peeking at her
13 and all that.

Met her husband in the mental hospital

1 Ida well- he finally came back
2 and I had met his sister earlier
3 and she kept saying "Oh, you've got to meet my brother"
4 and so- he came
5 and I was working in a mental hospital at that time.
6 and I locked myself out
7 because you couldn't trust these active mental people.
8 and so we met
9 and made a date for the next night or so
10 and ah- so- --- that was one of my favourite stories
11 that I met my husband in the mental hospital
12 which I told people over the years.

Apple pie

- 1 Ida so we made a date for the next night
2 and he took me out.
3 and he took me to a little bar
4 thinking “oh boy, this is gonna be fun.”
5 and he said what would I want to drink.
6 and I said “I really don’t drink,
7 but could I get a piece of apple pie ?” {laughter}
8 well he told people that for YEA:RS
9 he thought this was hysterical. {laughter}
10 he said “I’m trying to impress this gal.
11 and what does she want-
12 a piece of apple pie !” {laughing}

IU barracks

- 1 Ida he had gone to- IU ah- before the war
2 had- I guess two, three years.
3 so that when he came back from the war
4 and we were married
5 I went with him to finish his last summer semester in order for
 him to get his degree.
- 6 Neal yeah.
7 Ida and - so we were there.
8 if you want another good story- that's it.
9 because IU was so jammed with all the service people
 coming back
10 they had put up barracks all around the campus
11 and ah- I had- my husband had already come out and started
12 and I was coming up to meet him.
13 we were married June 15th-
14 ah- his birthday was July 4th
15 and- ah- but then we came out to IU just before that.
16 and living in New Jersey- I had gone into New York City
17 and I got this stunning outfit on 5th Avenue.
18 It was a brown suit
19 and I had a white picture hat
20 and white heeled shoes.
21 so I'm coming out
22 and Fred meets me at the bus in Indianapolis-
23 he didn't have a car.
24 and then we were going down to the IU campus
25 and when we get there
26 they had set up all these barracks.
27 they still didn't have- the ground settled
28 so there were these boards over the mud that was there.
29 so here I am,
20 all bedecked in my 5th Avenue clothes

31 and I have to go carefully over the boards
32 so I don't fall into the mud.
33 and then it was climaxed by-
34 as we got up to the second floor where our new apartment
was to be-
35 we get up there
36 and all the furniture is in cartons
37 it isn't unpacked yet.
38 so, that was my introduction to IU.

Jane Butcher1

Promotion + Toast

- 1 Jane The day came when he got a promotion
2 but he didn't much want it.
3 I think he would have felt uneasy about handling people and
so forth
4 and my mother kept at him
5 and told him that if he didn't accept the promotion
he might not be offered another
6 NRN Yeah.
7 Jane So- he took it and he loved it.
8 NRN Hmm.
[more general information on the work as a railroader in those times]
10 Jane And he and my mother were married for sixty years.
11 And- I had a little dinner party for them
12 I gave a toast before we ate
13 and I said
to my father who ran the railroads
14 and to my mother who told him how to do it.

Candy

- 1 Jane and one thing they never let me forget.
2 when I was five or six
3 there was a little store across the street from where we lived
4 and there was some money on the buffet.
5 so I took the money and I crossed the street
and got some candy.
6 my mother said “Where did you get that candy ?”
7 “across the street.”
8 “where did you get the money ?”
9 “well, was on the buffet.”
10 “but Jane, that money didn’t belong to you !”
11 and I said “but nobody was using it.” {laughing + laughter}
12 I never- I never forgot her saying
“that money didn’t belong to you”
13 you know, I’ve always remembered that
14 when I h- when I see something in a store
and think I’d like to have that
15 “it doesn’t belong to you”
16 Neal [{laughing}]
17 Jane [it] always stayed with me.
18 Neal yeah.
19 Jane so I guess it was a worthwhile experience.
20 Neal yeah.

Jane Nearing

Don't smoke

- 1 Jane I always had an allowance.
- 2 Neal ha
- 3 Jane I had three dollars a week, I remember.
- 4 and- I mean when I got in high school.
- 5 Neal yeah.
- 6 Jane and I wan- .. I said- I-
- 7 my mother said "don't smoke
- 8 unless you start at home.
- 9 I don't wanna be a- a mother
- 10 that sits out and says my daughter doesn't."
- 11 I said "you wouldn't say that anyway."
- 12 and she said "no
- 13 but I want- honesty."
- 14 Neal yeah.
- 15 Jane so at sixteen, I smoked a cigarette in front of her {laughing}
- 16 hh. and she said "well you don't look bad at all.
- 17 I think it's all right."
- 18 that's all she ever said.
- 19 but my DAD would meet .. guys at the door
- 20 when I dated.
- 21 and he'd say "now, I have a rule.
- 22 our daughter smokes.
- 23 she has an allowance.
- 24 don't you EVER give her a cigarette." {laughter}
- 25 she has to take her own
- 26 and smoke 'em.
- 27 he said "it's not YOUR problem.
- 28 it's HER problem."
- 29 Neal hmm
- 30 Jane and I respected him for that.
- 31 Neal you don't smoke any more today ?

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- 32 Jane no.
33 but I did until my .. second daughter was born.
34 and that was in fifty one.

Margery Davis

All dirty

- 1 Neal do you have any funny stories about your kids ?
- 2 Margery ah, well, the only thing I can remember is
- 3 one time, it was downtown at Aires
- 4 and I had Carol with me
- 5 that's my young- oldest daughter
- 6 and we were standing there looking,
- 7 I don't remember what we were looking at,
- 8 and Carol- .. she looked up at me
- 9 and she says-
- 10 pulled on my coat
- 11 she says "Mommy"-
- 12 she says "she's all dirty",
- 13 and it was a black- little black girl,
- 14 said "her face is all dirty" {laughter}
- 15 Neal I would have though in Indianapolis in those days
- 16 there would have been enough=
- 17 Margery =she never had seen a black girl,
- 18 never had.

Margery Walters

Just didn't have any money

- 1 Neal what did you do after school ?
- 2 Margery well, there were still hard times.
- 3 Neal [what year was that ?]
- 4 Margery [I had-] hmm?
- 5 Neal what year would that have been ?
- 6 Margery well, that was from 1935 on
- 7 Neal 1935
- 8 Margery mhm. and ah- ... I didn't have the money to go into nurses' training.
- 9 and I had wanted to be a nurse ever since I was eight years old.
- 10 and I can't- exactly tell you why.
- 11 except- that I used to watch my mother with her babies
- 12 and how she took care of them=
- 13 Neal [of course.]
- 14 Margery [=and I think that] was a great influence in my life.
- 15 I went to- so I worked in people's homes, Neal-
- 16 Neal yeah.
- 17 Margery like you baby sit for 25 cents an hour
- 18 you could work all week for a family
- 19 do everything in the home for a dollar a week.
- 20 and ah- .. it's like the saying
- 21 we didn't think we were poor,
- 22 we just didn't have any money.
- 23 Neal yeah. {chuckling}

Martha Richardson
Twins

- 1 Martha we had three sets of twins
 2 when we were in grade school.
- 3 Neal [wow]
- 4 Martha [ah- one was] a pair of girls, a- a boys
 5 H remember their names even, Neldon and Eldon [White]-
- 6 Neal [{short laugh}]
- 7 Martha - Helen and Ellen [Mirror]-
- 8 Neal [oh {laughing}]
- 9 Martha {laughing} and then Jack and I, of course.
 10 ehm- the teacher asked him if we were brother and sister
 11 he said "No Ma'am, we are twins." {laughing + laughter}
- 12 Neal oh that's cute. {laughing}
 13 any other twin stories?
 14 I'm fascinated about=
 15 Martha =well .. ah he was rather sickly at the beginning
 16 and ah- I did the climbing
 17 and so I was the worst tomboy of all.
- 18 Neal ha:ah
- 19 Martha and I climbed up- .. a tree there
 20 and he'd say- he'd knock on the tree there
 21 and say "Sissy, come down and boost me up!" {laughing +
 laughter}
- 22 Martha oh I don't know-
 23 In school I always tried to help him=
 24 Neal {yeah.}
- 25 Martha ={course, he} was a whizz at math
 26 and I was a whizz at spelling and writing.
 27 well ... y' know, they had those little letters
 28 that put together and so forth
 29 and words.
 30 well, I'd always go over and help him.

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- 31 well I was got bold out for that.
- 32 Neal yeah.
- 33 Martha and I said “well, he’s my brother
34 and I’ve got a right to help him.”
- 35 Neal sure. {laughing + laughter}
- 36 Martha but then they moved me up a grade
37 so I didn’t get to help him after that.

Winifred Craig**Christmas banjo**

1 Winifred it's like everyone else
2 the most memorable- .. thing I can remember is-
3 I asked my- .. mother if I-
4 I had been taking lessons for the banjo,
5 and I said "I'd - I would like to have a new banjo for
Christmas"
6 and she said-
7 well, five children during the Dpression-
8 she said "you know, we-
9 if you get the banjo for Christmas,
10 that's all you get."
11 and I said "sure, that's fine."
12 and ah- .. so they bought me the banjo
13 and showed it to-
14 well, they had me pick it out.
15 and so Christmas morning I got up
16 and everybody had to hang up their stocking
17 and they insisted I hang mine up
18 and I said "well, I already had mine."
19 but they said "you hang up your- Christmas stocking
20 'cause Santa Claus won't know the difference."
21 so when I got up- {giggling}
22 I'll never forget that-
23 when I got up, there was a- .. lump in the toe of my stocking.
24 and you know how brothers and sisters tend to get along.
25 and I turned to my older brother
26 and I said "I not even gonna look at that.
27 I know what you did-
28 you put a lump of coal in my stocking"
29 and he said " I did NOT"
30 and my mother said "now calm down, just look and see what

it is”

- 31 and it was a ruby ring.
32 Santa Claus was good to me.

\$ 10 a week

- 1 Winifred well- .. when I graduated I-
2 jobs were-
3 you couldn't find a job.
4 Neal that's what I wondered.
5 Winifred and my aunt worked at the Indianapolis Star,
6 she was manager of the classified ad department.
7 and somebody called them
8 and said they wanted a secretary
9 that had the education and the ability
10 but no experience.
11 Neal {chuckles}
12 Winifred they wanted to trade her-
13 to TRAIN her themselves.
14 so- .. she said "jus' cancel the ad,
15 I have the gal." {laughing}
16 so she sent me over there
17 and they hired me.
18 and I- got on steady.
19 I worked 37 years.
20 Neal whoah.
21 [right at that first job.]
22 Winifred [{laughing}]
23 Neal where was that ?
24 in Indianapolis ?
25 Winifred it was- right here.
26 over at Lemmington
27 now there-
28 it was an office-

- 29 one about as big as- wasn't as big as this room.
- 30 Neal Hm.
- 31 Winifred and I made \$ 10 a week, {laughing + laughter}
- 32 and was glad to get the job.
- 33 Neal yeah.
- 34 Winifred because I was living with my aunt, too.
- 35 but ah- the company grew
- 36 we got along beautifully
- 37 we built a plant out near Allison's
- 38 and now they have a big plant with I think- six – six different
states.
- 39 And when I- I retired in 1975-
- 40 and ah- (2.5)
- 41 I was office- office manager
- 42 when I retired.
- 43 Neal aha.
- 44 Winifred by that time the company had grown a lot.
- 45 Neal yeah.

Good navigator

1 Winifred I had just started a course in navigation
2 and the head of it said- ..
3 ah- the man looked around
4 and said what about this girl here
5 could she be my navigator.
6 and the gal said "sure, she'll be a good one"
7 and I said "no, I won't,
8 I've just had one lesson."
9 and he said "well, let's go and try out."
10 so we got- we took the thing around.
11 and when we got back he said "oh, she's a good navigator,
from now on she's the one I want."
12 I don't know- .. dear God, I guess-
13 I didn't even know how to navigate.
14 but every time we went on a flight after that
15 I was his navigator.

I don't want a dog

1 Winifred there is another funny thing- I think.
2 when I- he built- when he-
3 after he proposed to me
4 he said "I'm gonna build you a house" {laughing}
5 which he did.
6 the next day after I'd said- after I'd said I'd marry him
7 he came up and said "I bought a lot."
8 and I said "what for ?"
9 and he said "I gonna build you a house."
10 and then he got it all build
11 and it was just beautiful
12 and I said "oh it's just perfect

13 except now I want a dog.”
14 and he said “oh, no, we can’t have a dog.”
15 and I said- .. “oh, why can’t I have a dog ?”
16 and he said- .. “I don’t like dogs in the house.”
17 and I said “wouldn’t have to have it in the house”
18 no, I didn’t say that.
19 he said- (3.0) I’m forgetting now.
20 anyway, I said later- ...
21 nothing was said about the house.
22 and later I said- he said “I got off for you a fence in the backyard
23 and you can put your dog out there.”
24 Neal yeah.
25 Winifred I said “no, if I can’t have it in the house,
26 I won’t have a dog.”
27 and he said- ..“well, you can’t-
28 I don’t wanna have a dog in the house,
29 I don’t wanna have a dog in the house.”
30 I said “all right, I guess, we don’t have a dog.”
31 so my boss raised West Highland terriers.
32 and she called me one day
33 and she said “Winifred, I have a dog here that can’t belong to
 anybody but you.
34 his name is Silly.” {laughing + laughter}
35 I don’t think that was a compliment but- {laughing + laughter}
36 I said “you know what Jim said.”
37 and she said “we’ll poo on Jim.”
38 and I said “well, I can’t said that now,
39 I love the guy.”
40 and she called me back
41 and she said “Winifred, could you keep a dog I have here for
 three or four days while I go out to town.”
42 and I said “sure, we can do that.”
43 and ah- ... I told Jim.
44 and he said “sure, that’s okay.”

45 and the third day he said “you don’t suppose she’d sell us this
dog, do you” {laughter}
46 he was in love with it.
47 Neal yeah.
48 Winifred so we had a total of nine dogs after that.
49 nine Westies.

Cat found a home

1 Winifred so we had a total of nine dogs after that.
2 nine Westies.
3 and when I moved here, I had one that was 17.
4 Neal yeah.
5 Winifred and ah- .. I had to walk her every day.
6 I remember that- ...neighbor down here
7 their son was here
8 and he said-
9 I couldn’t get her to walk,
10 she was just getting too old.
11 he said “Winifred, how fast do you think you are going to walk
when you are 100 ?”
12 so- .. anyway, I had to have her put to sleep.
13 Neal yeah.
14 Winifred and these wonderful people that were in this place
15 the next morning they called me
16 and said they had a cat.
17 Neal hmm.
18 Winifred and I said “Oh no, I don’t want a cat.
19 I’m too busy crying over my dog.”
20 and they said “we know that.
21 and we think the cat will do you good.”
22 and I said “well, no, cats tend to sort of- a cat- no”
23 they said “well, we gonna have to have it put to sleep.”

24 and I- {laughing}
 25 but I really said “damn you,
 26 you know if you said that I take it !”
 27 Neal yeah {laughing}
 28 Winifred and I said “I won’t keep it.
 29 I’ll just take it till you can find a home for it.”
 30 of course, two days later I called back
 31 and I said “you found a home.”
 32 Neal yeah. {laughing + laughter}
 33 Winifred best thing they could have done for me.
 34 they are just wonderful people.

Restaurant kiss

1 Winifred the funny thing that happened-
 2 it wasn’t really funny at the TIME.
 3 they were all- practically all students working in this- ..
 restaurant
 4 was- .. Thompson’s Restaurant,
 5 you’ve probably seen them .. their .. cafeterias.
 6 but now I was a little green gal from the country
 7 and I saw these (2.0) MEN students back in the corner
 8 having a con- .. consultation
 9 and- so .. I was walking down the hall
 10 er down the .. line
 11 and probably had all the dishes.
 12 this guy came up behind me
 13 and pulled my head all around
 13 and gave me a right big kiss right on my lips. {chuckles}
 14 and I hauled-
 15 I dropped all the dishes on the floor
 16 hauled off
 17 and whammed him.

18 I mean I hit him HARD. {chuckles}
19 and I said “don’t you EVER-
20 or any of you OTHER guys
21 do that to me again
22 or I’ll get rough” {chuckles}
23 I didn’t have any more trouble.

Taking turns

1 Winifred we had to take our bath
2 on Saturday night in the kitchen in a tub
3 in the winter time of course
4 Neal yeah.
5 Winifred and- .. {giggling}
6 I don’t think this should be part of anything you want-
7 Neal well, I don’t know,
8 taking turns in the tub?
9 Winifred ah?
10 Neal I mean .. five kids- did they just- .. one after the
next?
11 Winifred oh yeah, you had clean up your own water-
12 and put- get the fresh water ready for the next one.
13 but my older brother went first.
14 and he said-
15 he wanted Roy to come in-
16 my other brother .. to come in
17 and wash his back.
18 and Roy didn’t go.
19 and finally he yelled-
20 these are funny things that happened {giggling}
21 “Mom, you make Roy come in here and wash my back”
22 and she said “Roy, you go in now and wash his back”.

- 23 and about two minutes later he yelled
24 “Mom, Roy’s peeing on my back” {laughter + laughing}

Barrel roll

- 1 Winifred and the day I- ... went up to-
2 with the-
3 well, the first- the LAST flight with a .. pilot
4 Neal yeah
5 Winifred he said ah did I ever do a barrel roll in a plane
6 and I said no
7 and he said “you want to try it ?”
8 and I said “sure” {chuckles}
9 so he- FLIPPED that thing over {laughing + laughter}
10 I had my .. eye on the .. odometer
11 and it kept going down and down
12 and I thought “well, this is it” {laughter}
13 I KNEW I was going to die that time
14 because he couldn’t get that thing back over.
15 and all of a sudden he could get- turn back over
16 and started climbing
17 and didn’t say a word for about five minutes. {laughter}
18 and finally he said
19 “Winifred .. you do know how to pull the thing on your
parachute, don’t you” {laughter}
20 and I didn’t say it
21 but what I thought
22 at five hundred feet the parachute wouldn’t have done
much good. {laughter + laughing}
23 Neal not if you’re upside down in a plane, right?
24 it- it doesn’t really fly upside down, does it?
{laughter}

25 Winifred NO ... but- I came out safe.