

those youngsters over town would have a baby to make her some money.

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(Oh, was that back during the depression?)

Yes.

(Did it start then?)

It started then. Around here it did. And they wasn't none of them-- of course now you know, there'd be a woman maybe somewhere that would have bad luck but not very often. They wasn't nothing like these extra children all the time. But, you know, you can count just a whole bunch of them down here at town. And other places too, you know.

(Yeah, there's quite a few.)

Uh-huh, the girls they have seven children.

(You think it's because it's so hard to get ahead to make a living. So they just thought--)

Well, there wasn't nothing for them to work at. They couldn't pick cotton. They couldn't chop cotton, see; they didn't have it. They cut that all, see. So I don't know which is the worst. But you could get all kinds of choppers. But when that first come in there, why, you just couldn't get nothing. You couldn't get nobody to do nothing for you. I mean you just had to quit. And he raised beans. Way back over here there's kind of a high hill; Sandy Linn owned the place. And he had big bean patch in there and, you know, one year he made good money for two years on them beans. And the next year there wasn't nobody to help pick them, nobody to help chop them or nothing. You just had to do just what you could do yourself. And you couldn't get nobody to do nothing. They had begin drawing these checks and they wasn't doing nothing. That just ruined him, you know.

(That must have been in the thirties when welfare came in.)