

work was concerned. I didn't have to do anything. I know Dave has gotten on Mamma more than once to make us—Laverne and me, work, but she never did do it.

#### MOTHER WAS UNEDUCATED BY FATHER'S CHOICE

(What do you remember about your mother? Anything that she had told of her early life—how they lived in her early childhood?)

Well, I guess that the only thing that really stands out is that she was the only girl in the family and she said that—she told us lots times that she had to do the housework and that her brothers got to go to school and she didn't. And she never went to school a day in her life but they did.

Grandpa had the philosophy that—I guess you can call it philosophy—that women's place was in the home and he felt like she didn't need an education. So she never got to go to school. She and my dad married when she was real young. She was about 14 when they married.

(Were they farmers then?)

#### EARLY DAY LIFE OF PARENTS

Well, I think they tried to farm that land some. And then they rented it out. They rented it out more than they farmed it themselves. It's a real good piece of land.

(What was their everyday home life as far as you can remember when they were real young? What they had told you? Of course they didn't have electricity nor natural gas like we have today.)

No. They didn't have electricity when they were married and growing up. And right there at that one place they didn't have electricity until after I was married. I know we used to read by oil lamp. Long before dark, Dave would start setting globe cleaned and wick trimmed and seeing that there was kerosene in the lamp, so we could have real bright light. We'd have to draw water. We still draw water.

#### BROTHER JOE LIKED TO HUNT AND FISH

(Did the boys do much hunting in those days?)