

Oh, yeah.

(How did they put up hay in those days?)

Well, a lot of us, we used these old foot feed bailers. First bailing I ever worked around was that old foot feed. First bailing that I ever worked at was that old foot feed, and you'd go down in that, rake in a forkful of hay, and you'd go down in there with one foot or both feet and then the--

(Kinda dangerous isn't it?)

Yeah, there was a lot of people crippled that way. But you take your fork and push that hay down and if you took time to push that down with your fork, then it took the plunger longer to come in and you could watch that plunger when it started to come in you could just step out on top of the plunger and then step back to the table. I've fed many a bale of hay through one of them things that a way.

(And the bales was all hand wired, was it?)

Yeah, and after while then, the International people, they put out a power baler. And we got ahold of one of them old International power balers and we baled a lot of hay. And there was a man who run that Wagoner mercantile store down there by the name of Layman, and him, there's a clan that owned the biggest part of this country around here south of town here. And they bought one of them International balers, and they had a bunch of colored people working down there. And so me and my brother, we kinda caught up, and Layman wanted me to go down there and mow for him. I had some good teams and went down there. ((Long pause here---several minutes.))

--Miami and different places around in there. There was little old place just across the river over there, they called Yonkers and another around close there called Locust Grove-- ((another pause here))