

I believe it was up in the thirties. Uh-huh. And anyway, he had beans one year and they were the finest beans you ever saw. And Carrie Chili lived way back over there. She's down here now at this here Henry's place. Have you been in that drugstore--Leola?

(Oh, yes.)

Her son bought that out, and she works in that one. And her children, she had five children at home. And she helped out a whole lot. And they would--her and the two boys, the girls wasn't big enough, but they'd go over there and pick them beans. He couldn't even sell them. Finally then, Mr. Bassin told him that he was the ice man. He bought ice up here then.

(He's the mayor now, isn't he?)

Yeah. And anyhow, he would deliver ice up here and my son worked for him for a couple of years with ice. And so he'd bring that ice up here and, well, there wasn't much else, only just that. Had to have my milk kept cool you know, I couldn't drink it. And that's mostly what I--

MAINTAINED HER HOME AND FARM AFTER DEATH OF HUSBAND

(Do they still use a team and wagon then?)

Uh-huh. Oh, yeah. We had a team and wagons and I'd kept the teams. I had two teams, team of horses and team of mules, and I kept them for six months after he passed away. Paul said, "I don't see why you don't get shed of them." Said, "They're just expense to you." Said, "You can't use them." But I could always go out and anything there was to do I could do anything.

(Well, Granny, when did he pass away, your husband?)

It was May. It was nineteen years ago this last May. This last May.

(And you've been here by yourself?)

Yes, I've been here by myself.