

(Why couldn't you make a go of farming?)

No, it wasn't bad time. But the place we live on, you just couldn't make a very good go of it. Poor soil, you know. I saw the difference after I begin to work. Some land that my father had down here..used to be his land, I mean, good river bottom, creek bottom land. You could make money there. But take the land that we live on, along the side of a hill, well you just couldn't make it. Now, today they didn't condemn the land, but they put it under conservation..soil conservation program.

(Is that where you live today?)

Yea, you take land that's in that shape that's on a hillside what's farmed, well I pity the poor farmer many a day. Man get out there and I don't see how he make a living.

(So your land has gone back to grass?)

Yes.

(How many kids do you have Frank?)

I have seven.

(Most of them grown up?)

Well, the youngest one is twenty three.

(Is that the girl that's home?)

Yes, the boy, today he's thirty nine years old. Let me tell you..not boasting, not bragging, but this boy here the oldest child we have, is the only boy in the family. A man now. He went..he finished high school here in '47 and went into the Navy three years..signed himself three years. Well, in the Navy he got to work in Naval hospital as an aid in the hospital. Well, (the Kirean war broke out in '50 he was in..so he went,,so they sent for him from the Navy to the Marine Corps as a field corpsman. So he went over there, came back. He got a medical discharge. After he was discharged he went to school of medical technology in St. Louis. Graduated over there, got a job over here, at Duncan..Weeden Clinic, Dr. Weeden Clinic. Worked there about a year and a half came home one day, I said what's the matter boy. He said, oh, I just walked off. I'm going back sometime. He's never gone