

We had suitcases piled all around us. We had 'em in that trailer and that bucket hanging over. (Laughter) I get to thinking about something like that and here people pass and say, get over there you Okies. (Laughter).

Daughter: --do you know we're Okies?

(How long did you stay out there?)

We were out to August and come back the last part of October. We'd pass one car and they'd pass us. So we finally stopped to stay all night and the man, they came up, he did and he wanted to know where we was going. Jess told 'em. And he said, well, he was going to--not Walla Walla, close to, oh, I can't think of that town. But anybody--everybody--someone was going there. He said he was going to pick fruit. So he asked us, said, "You don't mind if we kind of hang close to you?" He said "We're strangers" and said, "They tell us that people get pretty mean on the road." So Jess told him why yes. He said it'd be alright. That's the way we are, we're away from home so we ought to stay together. But I said I never will go anywheres like that again. It'd just be for a visit. But that was the awfulest time during the war. You couldn't get gas and shoes. You had to have stamps. I told Jess, "I hope they never have another war like this." You couldn't even get shoes. You could get cheap shoes but they were just paper soles and they just figure so mach per family and a certain month when you can buy your shoes.

(That's what Marlene was telling me. She said they used to all have to take turns and stuff like that. She said that her dad raised a garden and he had some livestock. She said if it hadn't been for that she didn't know what they would have done.)

So we come through town and I told Jess I said, "I don't like to eat in restaurant. Kids all kinda small." So I told him, "We can sleep in the car," and I said, maybe save that and we can have good meals. So we--he and I cleaned 'em up. We were way out on the desert, getting ready to go into town. I told Jess, "Just stop. I'm gonna clean these kids up so we can go eat." So I was