

today, with his long hair in braids, and selling his cattle and coming home. And I think that was wonderful. And he used to rent surrounding land, where he used to raise wheat. And I can remember the days that he used to harvest, and he used to take my brothers with him. He used to farm many acres--the surrounding acres around our home. And I can remember he and my brothers harvesting the wheat crop and we used to--the ladies, used to cook for everyone. And in those days, it was the old fashioned way. And we had quite a gathering when we used to harvest the grains. And that was one thing he used to do. And then, I can remember, during the war years, when all the men folk had gone to war, we girls used to get out and help him shock the wheat, and the oats in our nearby fields. And early in the morning, we would go out and gather the bundles and put them in stacks the old fashioned way. I've done that and I am glad to have the experience of such a wonderful way of life. And then we would plant a huge garden. And I can remember at harvest time, the abundance of food we would harvest. And then we had a large orchard. I can remember, we had cherry trees, apple trees, peaches, and grapes. And my mother loved to raise strawberries. And we had strawberries. We would ask the cook sometimes to make us a cherry pie and she would say if we would go out and pick them that she would make us a cherry pie, and many a time I can remember eating a fresh cherry pie from the orchard. And we had a wonderful grape vineyard. And I can remember the grapes we used to pick. And we did a lot of canning, too, from our garden. And I can remember me and the old cook, we would put up many pickles, and corn, and our cellar was just full of jellies, jams that we girls all made during the summertime. And then during the winter months, we used to butcher hogs, and I can remember we used to cure the meat, the hams, the bacon, for the coming winter months and I thought that was wonderful, as I remember and I recall. So we had a very well-rounded out full life on the farm. And we had horses, also beautiful teams to work the fields, and as modern machinery came, I can remember