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companies who would have packing houses. They would pack the stuff and ship it out.

Interviewer: Did you have any family garden up there?

Orson Clark: We did, yes, yes.

Lucille Clark: You bet you we did.

Interviewer: Did many of the other farmers have that?

Orson Clark: Som, not many.

Lucille Clark: Not the big farmers, they don't have time.

Interviewer: They might wish they did some time.

Ruth Knowlton: Unless their wives do it, there isn't any vegetable garden.

Lucille Clark: That's the way our daughter is. They have so much to do that they don't have time to raise a garden.

Interviewer: So they buy almost all their own food at stores then?

Lucille Clark: It's easier to go to the store and buy it.

Orson Clark: You take people running a couple thousand acres and they'll raise fifteen hundred acres of irrigated. They use sprinklers. I'll tell you, it takes a lot of work to keep those things going. You get the stuff planted, cultivated, fertilized, and dug. And there is one thing about it, he's a good farmer that son-in-law, he figures on having his potatoes all in the first of October. By the first of November his beets must all be in. And you know, you get three or four hundred acres of sugar beets, that's quite a lot of beets.

Interviewer: I can tell you that the winters are very mild up there too.

Orson Clark: Well, it gets pretty cold up in Aberdeen country.

Interviewer: How about where you were?

Orson Clark: We were up in the Vale country.

Lucille Clark: We were up in the Boise Valley.

Interviewer: When would you get your sugar beets in where you were?